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IT'S THE  
BLACK  
DIAMOND!

RUN,  
OR IT'S  
OUR  
NECKS!

I TOLD YOU  
THE BLACK  
DIAMOND WOULDN'T  
LET ME DOWN!

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# BLACK DIAMOND

in "THE SIEGE  
OF COFFIN  
ISLAND"

COFFIN ISLAND IS A SMALL RIVER ISLE LYING IN A SANDY BED 75 YARDS FROM EACH SHORE! THE RIVER HAS A COFFIN SHAPE! HENCE ITS NAME! DURING ONE OF THE MOST HORRIFYING SIEGES IN WESTERN HISTORY, THIS SANDY ISLAND THREATENED TO DO MORE THAN LIVE UP TO ITS NAME! IT PROMISED TO BECOME A BURIAL GROUND FOR A COURAGEOUS BAND OF FRONTIERSMEN WHO WERE OUTNUMBERED TWENTY TO ONE BY AN ARMY OF APACHE CUTTHROATS!



IT IS 1874...A RAILROAD IS BEING BUILT INTO APACHE TERRITORY AND A GANG OF GRADERS HAS JUMPED THE SPRING WATER BELONGING TO THE PEACEFUL TRIBE! A FEW FRIENDLY BRAVES COME TO REASON WITH THE WORKERS...



THEY WON'T BOTHER US AGAIN, JORGAN!

I RECKON NOT! OKAY-GET BACK TO WORK! WE GOT A RAILROAD TO BUILD!



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WEEKS PASSED! THE EFFECTS OF HAVING THEIR WATER SUPPLY CUT OFF BROUGHT TRAGEDY TO THE PEACEFUL INDIAN FARMERS!

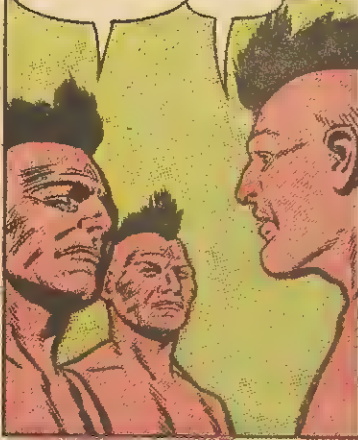
OUR SHEEP DIE OF THIRST! THESE RAILROAD MEN HAVE NO PITY! THEY COULD HAVE BUILT THEIR TRACKS ACROSS DRY LAND!

... BUT THEY CARE NOT IF WE LIVE OR DIE! WE MUST ACT!



MY BROTHER, BROWN DOE, AND I WILL SPEAK TO THE PALEFACES! SURELY, THEY WILL LISTEN TO THE SONS OF CHIEF GREAT CROW!

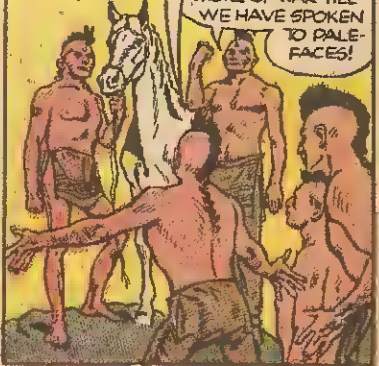
THEY MAY, BIG BUFFALO, BUT THEY ANSWER ONLY WITH BULLETS! CHIEF ARIKAREE IS RIGHT! THE PALEFACE WANT WAR!



SILENCE! DO NOT MENTION ARIKAREE'S NAME! HE LIVES ONLY TO DESTROY AND MURDER!

BUT ARIKAREE SPEAKS THE TRUTH! THE PALEFACES WOULD STEAL THE VERY LAND FROM UNDER OUR FEET! THEN WE SHALL FIGHT BACK, BUT NOT UNDER ARIKAREE'S BLOODY BANNER!

SPEAK NO MORE OF WAR TILL WE HAVE SPOKEN TO PALEFACES!



ARIKAREE'S POISON HAS CREEPT INTO OUR TRIBESMEN'S VEINS, MY BROTHER! HIS VENOM INFLAMES PEACEFUL APACHES EVERY TIME THE WHITES PROVOKE US!

THAT IS WHY THE PALEFACE LEADER MUST UNDERSTAND THAT IGNORING OUR PLEAS CAN ONLY LEAD TO BLOODSHED!

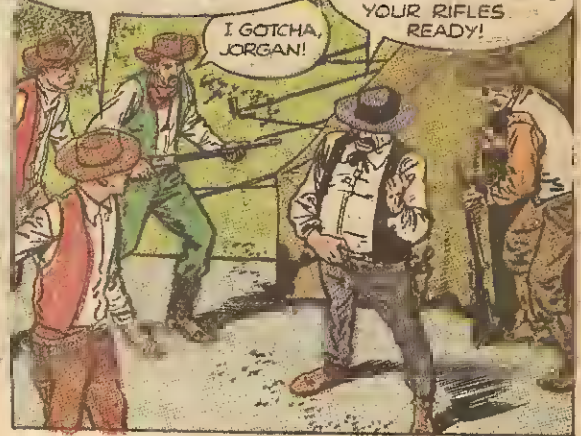


THAT NIGHT AT THE RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION CAMP.

TWO APACHES ARE COMIN' THIS WAY! THEY'RE CARRYIN' A WHITE FLAG, JORGAN!

THE SUCKERS! TIM! PETE! JOE... HIDE IN THAT TENT AN' HAVE YOUR RIFLES READY!

I GOTCHA, JORGAN!



PALEFACE LEADER, WE ARE THE SONS OF CHIEF GREAT CROW! WE COME TO PLEAD FOR FAIRNESS! OUR PEOPLE GROW IMPATIENT!

UNLESS YOU PERMIT THE WATERS OF COFFIN CREEK TO FLOW THROUGH OUR TERRITORY, OUR PEOPLE WILL JOIN THE ARMY OF ARIKAREE, THE CUT-THROAT!

THREATENIN' US? EH? HEY, TIM! GIVE THE RED-SKINS OUR ANSWER!

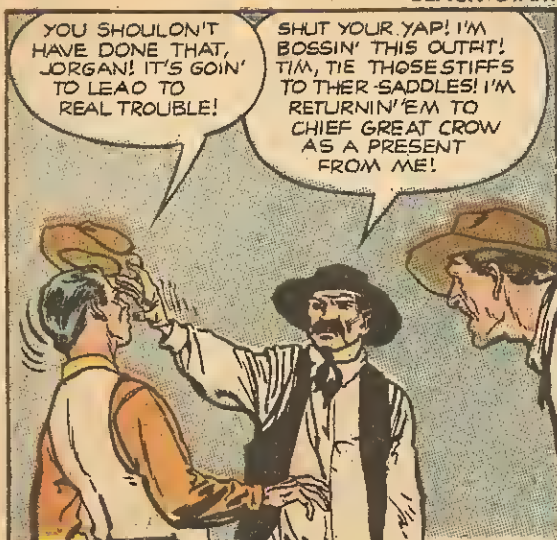


SURE! ONLY THEY AINT GOIN' TO REMEMBER IT!

JORGAN'S MAKIN' A MISTAKE KILLIN' THEM!

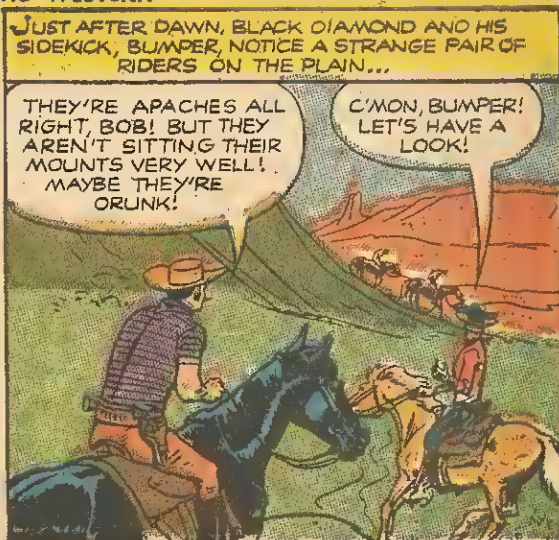






YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT, JORGAN! IT'S GOIN' TO LEAD TO REAL TROUBLE!

SHUT YOUR YAP! I'M BOSSIN' THIS OUTRIT! TIM, TIE THOSE STIFFS TO THEIR SADDLES! I'M RETURNIN' 'EM TO CHIEF GREAT CROW AS A PRESENT FROM ME!



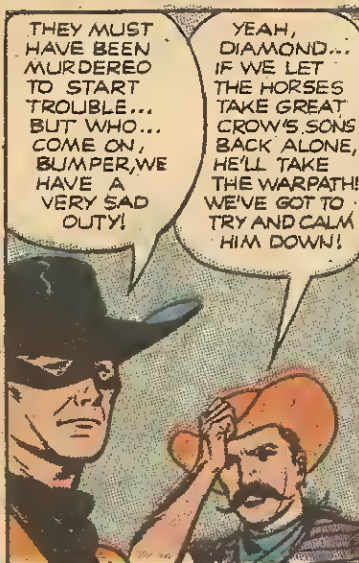
THEY'RE APACHES ALL RIGHT, BOB! BUT THEY AREN'T SITTING THEIR MOUNTS VERY WELL! MAYBE THEY'RE DRUNK!

C'MON, BUMPER! LET'S HAVE A LOOK!



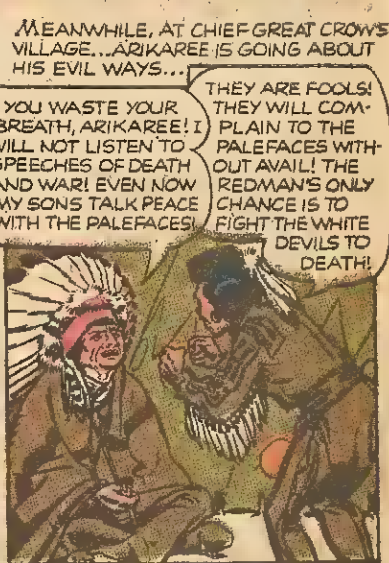
THEY'RE DEAD! THEY'VE BEEN SHOT! I WONDER WHY! I KNOW THESE TWO MEN! THEY'RE SONS OF GREAT CROW - A PEACEFUL REDSKIN!

GREAT CROW WON'T BE VERY PEACEFUL NOW!



THEY MUST HAVE BEEN MURDERED TO START TROUBLE... BUT WHO... COME ON, BUMPER, WE HAVE A VERY SAD DUTY!

YEAH, DIAMOND... IF WE LET THE HORSES TAKE GREAT CROW'S SONS BACK ALONE, HE'LL TAKE THE WARPATH! WE'VE GOT TO TRY AND CALM HIM DOWN!

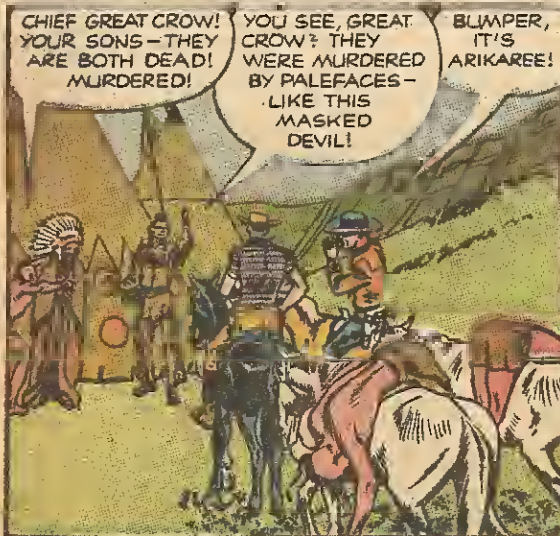


MEANWHILE, AT CHIEF GREAT CROW'S VILLAGE... ARIKAREE IS GOING ABOUT HIS EVIL WAYS...

YOU WASTE YOUR BREATH, ARIKAREE! I WILL NOT LISTEN TO SPEECHES OF DEATH AND WAR! EVEN NOW MY SONS TALK PEACE WITH THE PALEFACES!

THEY ARE FOOLS! THEY WILL COMPLAIN TO THE PALEFACES WITH OUT AVAL! THE REDMAN'S ONLY CHANCE IS TO FIGHT THE WHITE DEVILS TO DEATH!

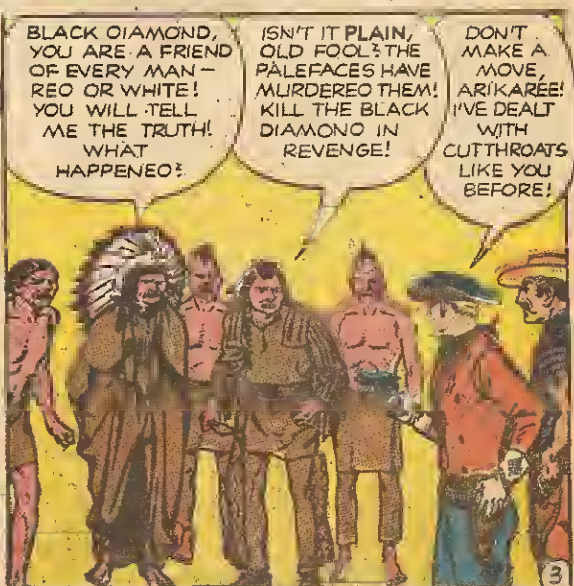
BUT ARIKAREE IS INTERRUPTED BY BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER WHO ARRIVE WITH THE TRAGIC NEWS...



CHIEF GREAT CROW! YOUR SONS - THEY ARE BOTH DEAD! MURDERED!

YOU SEE, GREAT CROW? THEY WERE MURDERED BY PALEFACES - LIKE THIS MASKED DEVIL!

BUMPER, IT'S ARIKAREE!



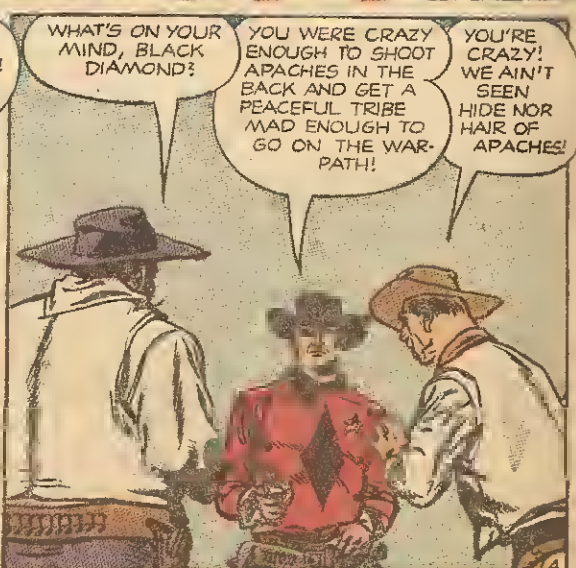
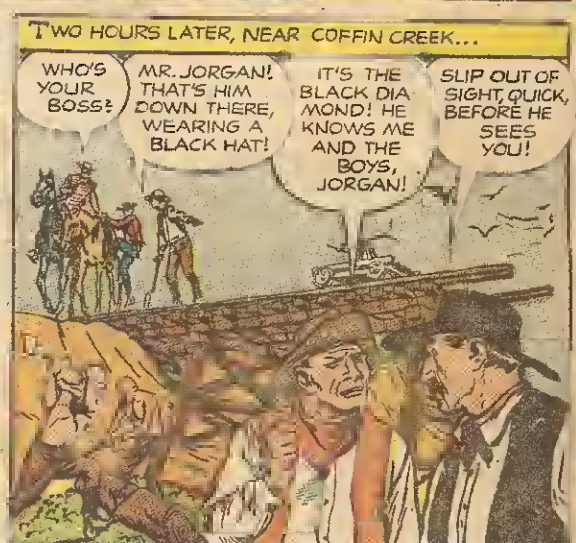
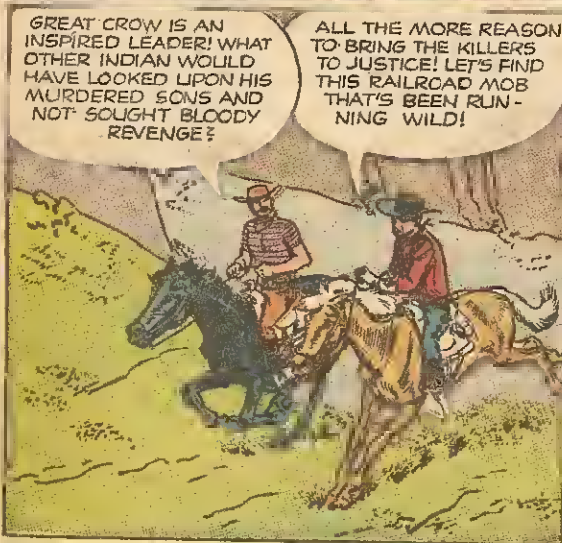
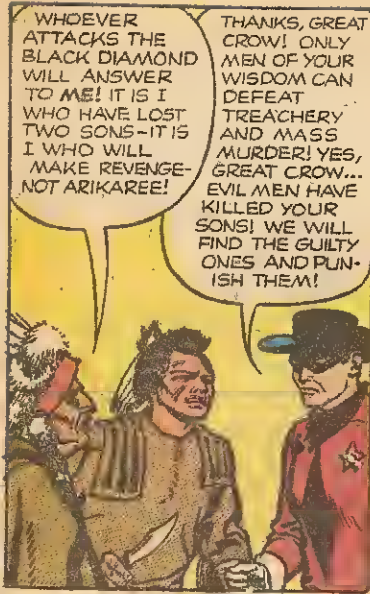
BLACK DIAMOND, YOU ARE A FRIEND OF EVERY MAN - RED OR WHITE! YOU WILL TELL ME THE TRUTH! WHAT HAPPENED?

ISN'T IT PLAIN, OLD FOOL? THE PALEFACES HAVE MURDERED THEM! KILL THE BLACK DIAMOND IN REVENGE!

DON'T MAKE A MOVE, ARIKAREE! I'VE DEALT WITH CUTTHROATS LIKE YOU BEFORE!

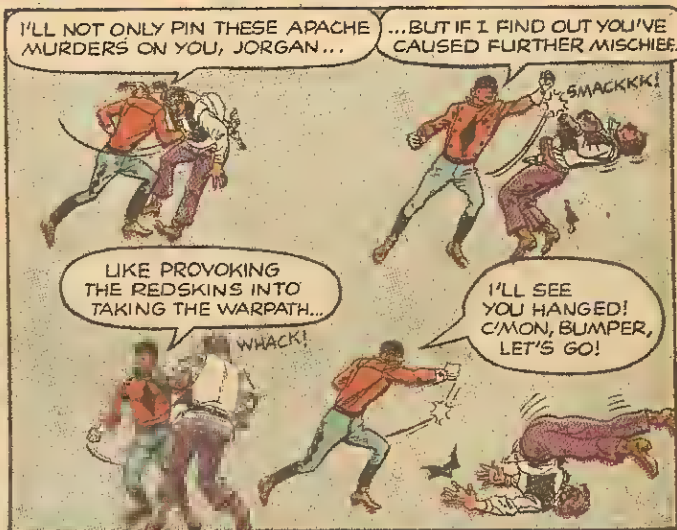
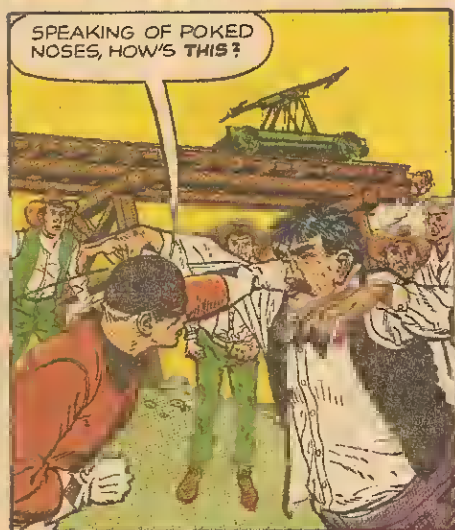
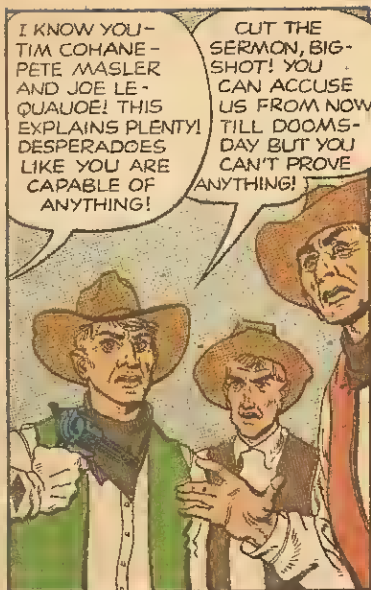


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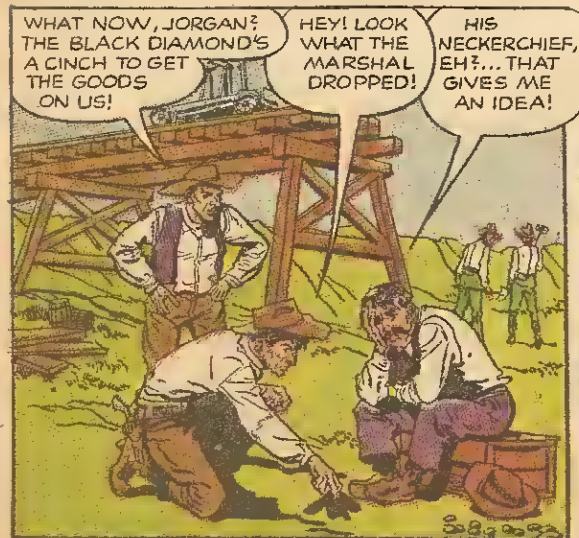




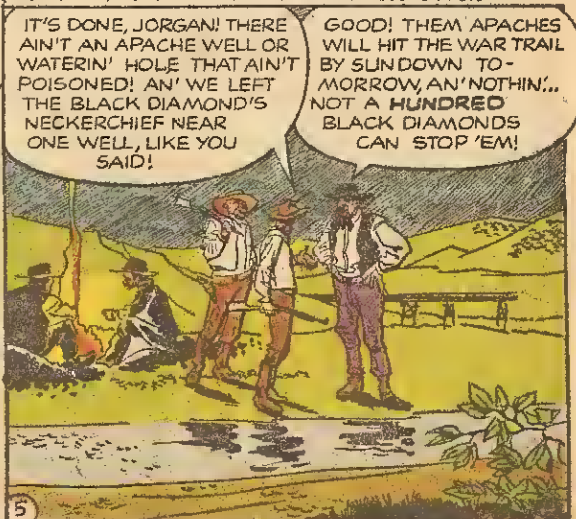
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MINUTES LATER...AS JORGAN'S MEN REVIVE HIM...



THAT NIGHT, AFTER JORGAN'S MEN DO A JOB WITH SOME MYSTERIOUS BAGS AND PACKAGES...





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THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON...

R. POISONED...  
GASP! THE  
WELL... THE  
WATERING  
HOLES... ALL  
POIS...

IT IS THE SAME  
EVERYWHERE!  
MEN AND BEASTS  
DYING! THE  
PALEFACES HAVE  
STRUCK AT  
US AGAIN!



NEAR SUNDOWN...

THERE, TRUSTING  
FOOL! LOOK AT THAT  
NECKERCHIEF! EVEN  
THE BLACK DIAMOND  
JOINS THE CONSPIRACY  
TO DESTROY US!  
NOW WILL YOU SPEAK  
OF PEACE WHILE  
YOUR PEOPLE  
PERISH BEFORE  
YOUR EYES?

I HAVE SEEN  
ENOUGH! LET  
THE DRUMS OF  
WAR SPEAK!  
GREAT CROWS  
TRIBE TAKES  
THE WAR-  
PATH!

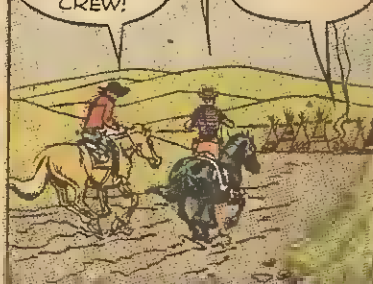


AT DAWN THE FOLLOWING DAY, AS  
THE BLACK DIAMOND APPROACHES  
GREAT CROW'S CAMP...

NOW IF WE  
CAN GET SOME  
OF THE INDIANS  
WHO SURVIVED  
THAT SHOOTING  
AT COFFIN  
CREEK TO  
TESTIFY  
AGAINST JOR-  
GAN, WE'LL NAIL  
HIS WHOLE  
MURDEROUS  
CREW!

WAIT, DIAMOND!  
SOMETHING  
FUNNY'S GOING ON  
THERE! LOOK!  
WAR-PAINTED  
BRAVES!

IT IS THE  
BLACK  
DIAMOND!  
KILL THE  
PRISONER!



IT LOOKS LIKE  
JORGAN'S BEEN  
BUSY FRAMING  
YOU AND  
WORKING UP  
THE  
APACHES!

HE SURE WORKED  
THEM UP GOOD.  
IF GREAT CROWS  
BRAVES ARE  
ATTACKING US!  
LET'S FIND  
JORGAN!



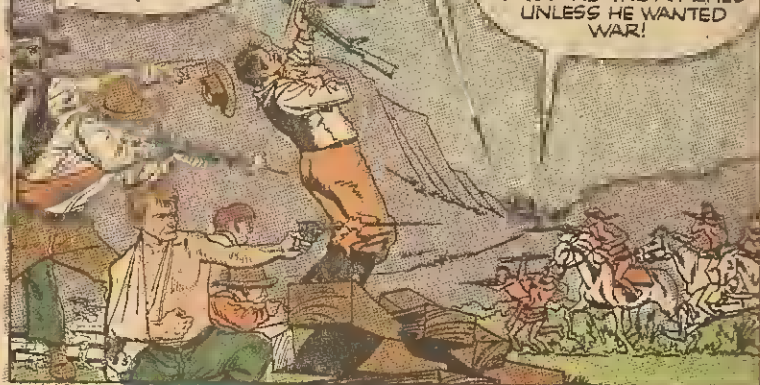
TWO HOURS LATER, NEAR COFFIN CREEK...

WOW! EVERY APACHE AND HIS BROTHER IS  
HERE! THEY'LL WIPE OUT JORGAN'S GANG  
TO THE LAST MAN!

WE'VE GOT THEM  
ON THE RUN, MEN-  
FOREWARD!

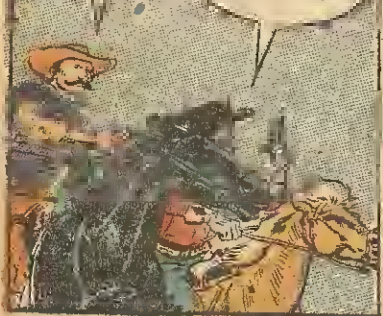
AAGHH!

THE GANG, YES! BUT  
JORGAN, NO! SOMEHOW  
JORGAN MUST BE IN  
WITH ARIKAREE'S BUNCH!  
NO RAILROAD BOSS IN  
HIS RIGHT MIND  
WOULD DELIBERATELY  
PROVOKE THE APACHES  
UNLESS HE WANTED  
WAR!



YOU WERE  
RIGHT, DIAMOND!  
JORGAN IS  
LEADING HIS  
MEN RIGHT INTO  
AN APACHE  
TRAP! THE  
ENTIRE INJUN  
FORCE IS  
WAITING  
BEYOND THAT  
HILL!

THIS PROVES  
JORGAN IS A  
RENEGADE!  
ANY DUMMY  
WOULD SEE  
THAT THE  
NATURAL MOVE  
IS TO RETREAT  
TO COFFIN  
ISLAND AND  
HOLD OUT  
THERE! C'MON,  
BUMPER!



JORGAN'S  
HEADED STRAIGHT  
FOR THE APACHES!  
HE'S A RENEGADE,  
ALL RIGHT!

RETREAT, YOU FOOLS!  
JORGAN'S A TRAITOR!  
HE'S LEADING YOU  
INTO A MASSACRE  
TRAP! BACK TO  
COFFIN ISLAND!

WE  
BELIEVE  
YOU  
MARSHAL!

COME, MEN!  
FOLLOW BLACK  
DIAMOND! GET  
BACK TO THE  
ISLAND!



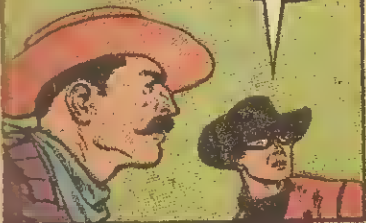


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MINUTES LATER, AS THE FLEEING RAILROAD CREW CROSSES THE SHALLOW CREEK...

WE'RE LUCKY THIS IS LATE SUMMER WHEN THE RIVER BED IS DRIED OUT INSTEAD OF SPRING WHEN IT'S A TORRENT THAT COVERS THE ISLAND!

WE'RE NO BETTER OFF WITH THIS PACK OF APACHES COMING AT US! START PRAYING, MEN! WE NEED MORE THAN BULLETS NOW! THEY'RE CHARGING!



THE BRAVE, DESPERATE MEN FIRE VOLLEY AFTER VOLLEY INTO THE HOWLING BANKS OF THE ONCOMING SAVAGES...

UNGH!!

KEEP UP THE FIRE—IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!

EHH!!!

I GOT ANOTHER ONE, DIAMOND!



SUDDENLY, AS SCREAMS OF RAGE LEAP FROM A HUNDRED THROATS THE APACHES BREAK AND RUN!

WE DID IT, DIAMOND! THEY'RE RETREATING!

NOT BY A LONG SHOT, BUMPER! THEY'RE JUST GIVING UP DIRECT ASSAULT!



I'LL BET THEY'LL TRY TO STARVE US OUT! THERE'S NO FOOD ON THIS ISLAND! THE WATER WILL POISON US! WE CAN'T LAST MORE THAN A FEW DAYS! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY OUT... BUT WE MUST WAIT FOR THAT!



NIGHT COMES, AND THE BESIEGED RAILROAD MEN FIRE FLAMING ARROWS FROM MAKESHIFT BOWS...

THIS SHOULD START A PRAIRIE FIRE! THAT'LL KEEP THE INDIANS BUSY WHILE WE STEAL THE LOCOMOTIVE AND TENDER—IF THE REDSKINS HAVEN'T DISMANTLED THEM BY NOW!



AS THE APACHES TRY TO PUT OUT THE FIRE WITH WATER DRAWN FROM THE CREEK...

THERE'S THE LOCOMOTIVE—AND IT'S ALL SET TO GO! C'MON, BUMPER! WE'LL TAKE IT TO FORT LEANDER FOR REINFORCEMENTS!

LET 'EM TRY AND STOP US!



BUT NOT ALL THE APACHES WERE STOPPED BY THE FIRE...

QUICK, BUMPER! I CAN'T KEEP 'EM AWAY MUCH LONGER!

HANG ON! WE'RE MOVING!





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HOURS LATER, SHORTLY BEFORE DAWN, BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER HAD COMPLETED THEIR MISSION AND WERE HEADED BACK...

WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IT, DIAMOND! APACHES NEVER ATTACK TILL DAYLIGHT!

YOU'RE WRONG, BUMPER! THEY'RE GOING TO ATTACK NOW! LOOK AT THE RAILROAD TRACKS! THEY'RE ALL RIPPED UP!

WE'LL STOP IN TIME, BLACK DIAMOND! BUT IF THE APACHES ATTACK US WHILE WE'RE STANDING STILL...

THEY'LL GET THE SURPRISE OF THEIR MURDEROUS LIVES!

HERE THEY COME...AND LOOK! IT'S JORGAN WITH CHIEF ARIKAREE!

GET THE DOORS OF THOSE FREIGHT CARS OPEN, BUMPER!

WE'VE GOT 'EM, CHIEF! WE'LL SMOKE 'EM OUT WITH FIRE ARROWS AND THEN RIP THEM TO PIECES!



JORGAN, YOU FOOL! THEY HAVE TRICKED US!

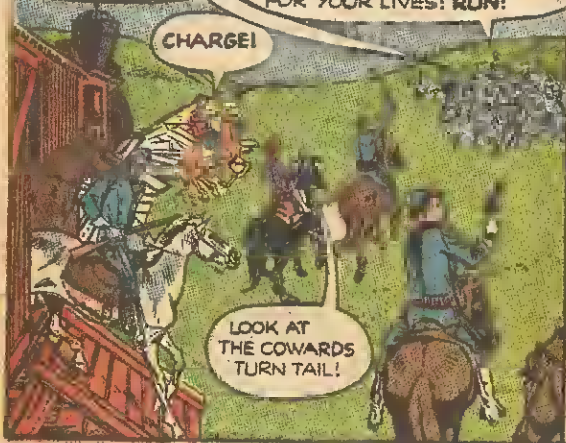
I...I DIDN'T EXPECT THEM TO BRING IN MOUNTED MEN! WE'RE NO MATCH FOR THEM! RUN FOR YOUR LIVES! RUN!

CHARGE!

LOOK AT THE COWARDS TURN TAIL!

YOU BUNGLER, JORGAN! YOU SHALL NOT ESCAPE YOUR FATE!

NO, ARIKAREE! EEEAAA!



BUT ARIKAREE'S FATE WAS PRONOUNCED JUST AS SWIFTLY BY BLACK DIAMOND...

N...NEVER! EEOH!!!

NEITHER SHALL YOU, ARIKAREE! I'M TAKING YOU BACK TO HANG!

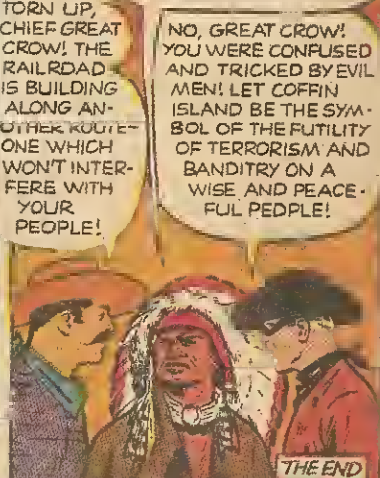
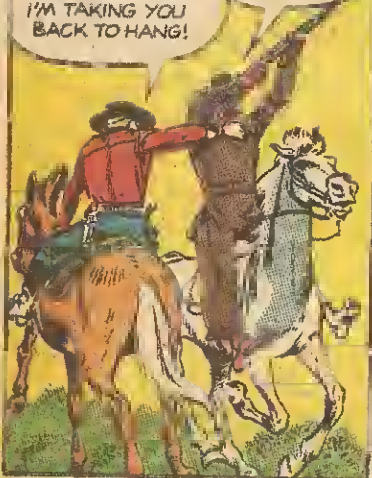
GASP!...IF I CANNOT KILL YOU... I CAN KILL MYSELF! I SHALL NOT SUFFER THE DISGRACE OF CAPTURE! EEEAAA!

THAT AFTERNOON, ON COFFIN ISLAND...

THE RAILS SHALL REMAIN TORN UP, CHIEF GREAT CROW! THE RAILROAD IS BUILDING ALONG ANOTHER ROUTE—ONE WHICH WON'T INTERFERE WITH YOUR PEOPLE!

THIS IS MORE JUSTICE THAN I DESERVE, HONORED PALEFACE!

NO, GREAT CROW! YOU WERE CONFUSED AND TRICKED BY EVIL MEN! LET COFFIN ISLAND BE THE SYMBOL OF THE FUTILITY OF TERRORISM AND BANDITRY ON A WISE AND PEACEFUL PEOPLE!



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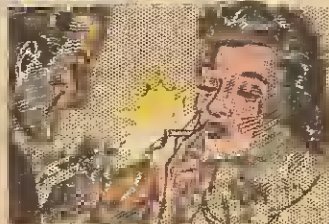
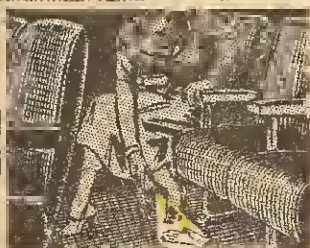
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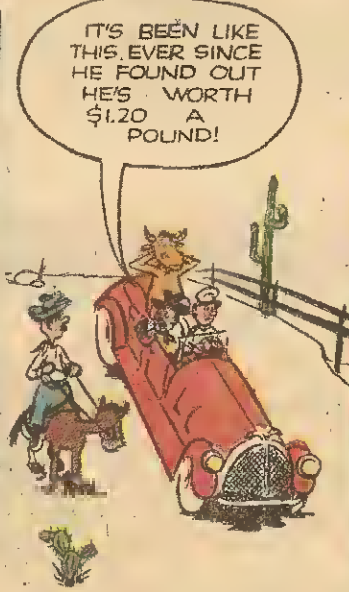
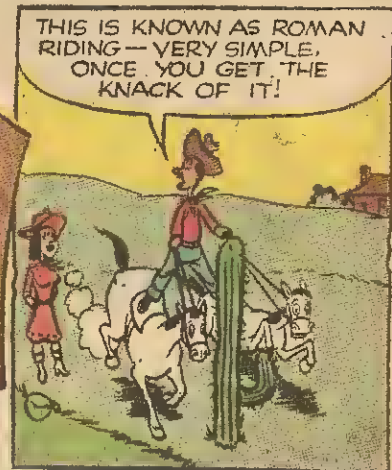
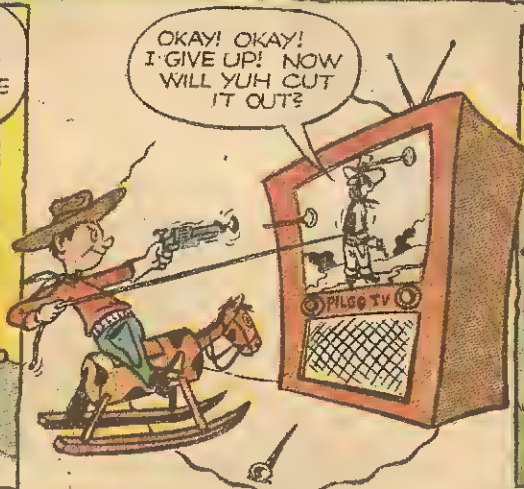
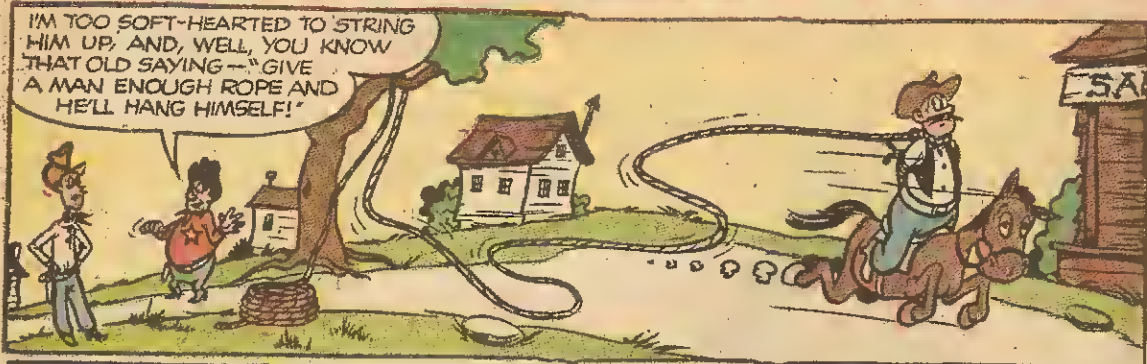
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# BLACK DIAMOND

in "COMANCHE CEMETERY"

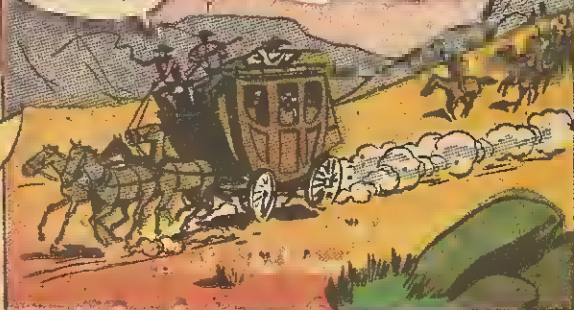


IT TOOK COURAGE FOR THE PIONEERS TO PUSH WESTWARD EVEN DURING COMPARABLY PEACEFUL TIMES! THE STRUGGLE AGAINST BRUTALITY OF NATURE AND FEAR OF INDIAN ATTACKS WAS A TALL ORDER FOR ANY SETTLER! BUT WHEN THE VICIOUS COMANCHES TURNED THE SILVER VALLEY WAGON ROUTE INTO A CEMETERY FOR SETTLERS, IT TOOK EXTRAORDINARY COURAGE TO ENTER THIS VALLEY OF DEATH! ESPECIALLY WHEN THE ONLY ESCORTS FOR THE WAGON TRAIN WERE THE BLACK DIAMOND AND HIS FRIEND, BUMPER...

IT IS THE LATE SUMMER OF 1812! THE STAGE FROM SILVER VALLEY IS TRYING DESPERATELY TO RUN THE GANT-LET AGAINST A PACK OF COMANCHES WHO ARE SCALP HUNTING...

THERE THEY COME! WE WERE LOCO TO THINK WE COULD SNEAK THROUGH!

WE HAD TO! THERE'S A DYIN' WOMAN INSIDE WHO NEEDS AN OPERATION AN' WE GOT \$60,000 IN GOLD BULLION THAT'S LONG OVERDUE AT THE REX HILL BANK!





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SURE! BUT IT AIN'T MY WIFE AN' IT AIN'T MY BULLION! WHAT'LL I GET OUT OF IT? AN ARROW THROUGH MY HEART!

OKAY, FOLKS! BRACE YOURSELVES AN' START PRAYIN'! THE ONLY THING THAT'LL SAVE US NOW IS A MIRACLE!

AS IF IN RESPONSE TO THE DRIVER'S GRIM PRAYERS TWO FIGURES APPEAR ON A RIDGE OVERLOOKING SILVER VALLEY...

THERE'S THE COMANCHE BAND WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR, DIAMOND! THEY'RE ATTACKING THE STAGECOACH!

WE CAME TO TRY AND REASON WITH THOSE INDIANS, BUMPER, BUT GUNS ARE THE ONLY THING THEY'LL LISTEN TO NOW! LET'S GO!

FASTER, BUMPER, OR THERE WON'T BE ANYONE LEFT TO RESCUE!

GLORY BE! IT'S THE BLACK DIAMOND! OR AM I SEEING THINGS!

YOU'RE SEEIN' A MIRACLE! LOOK AT THOSE COMANCHES FALL! IT'S BLACK DIAMOND ALL RIGHT!

AAAAH!

BUT AS MORE COMANCHES BITE THE DUST...

HOLD YOUR FIRE, BUMPER! MAYBE THEIR CHIEF WILL REASON WITH US NOW!

WE TALK PEACE, BLACK DIAMOND!

GREY PANTHER! A TRUCE! I WOULD SPEAK WITH YOU!

GO SPEAK WITH HIM, GREY PANTHER! TAKE THE BLACK DIAMOND OFF HIS GUARD THEN WHEN HE LEAST EXPECTS IT—I KILL HIM!

VERY WELL, BLACK DIAMOND! SPEAK! WHAT DO YOU OFFER?

A WARNING, CHIEF GREY PANTHER! THE PALEFACES WILL NOT TOLERATE YOUR HOSTILITY IN SILVER VALLEY! OUR PEOPLE DO NOT WISH TO SETTLE HERE! THEY MERELY WISH TO PASS THROUGH!

HMM... THAT REDSKIN IS MANEUVERING FOR A SHOT OR I MISS MY GUESS!

YOU WILL ONLY BRING THE WRATH OF THE GREAT WHITE FATHER UPON YOU! HE WILL SEND HIS SOLDIERS! THE COMANCHES WILL REACH THE HAPPY HUNTING GROUNDS SOONER THAN THEY THINK!

HE'S SNEAKING UP BEHIND US!

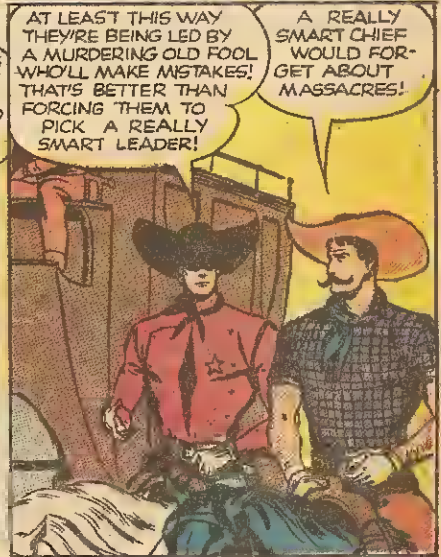
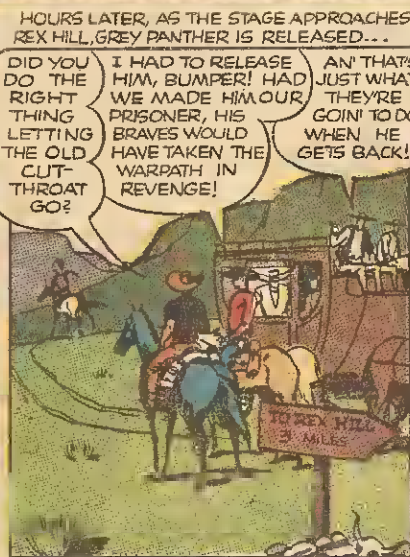
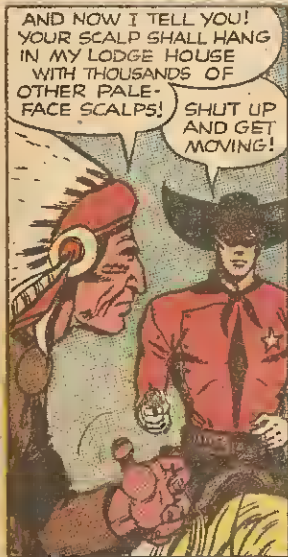
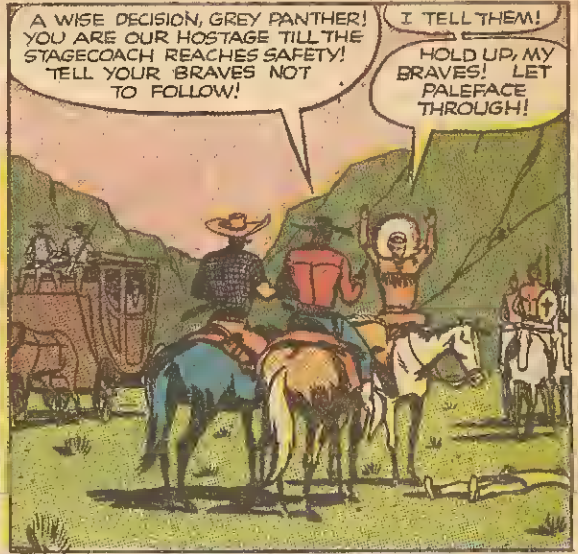
GREY PANTHER ASKS TRIBUTE FROM ALL WHO CROSS HIS TERRITORY, BUT THE PALEFACES IGNORE ME! GREY PANTHER BECOMES ANGRY!

YOU'RE ANGRY? NATURALLY! YOU ACT LIKE A BANDIT! THE VALLEY IS OPEN TO ALL, GREY PANTHER! NO BANDIT OR INDIAN OR PALEFACE MAY CONTROL IT FOR PROFIT!

SO NOW YOU CALL US BANDITS? IS THIS THE WAY TO WIN ME WITH ARGUMENT?

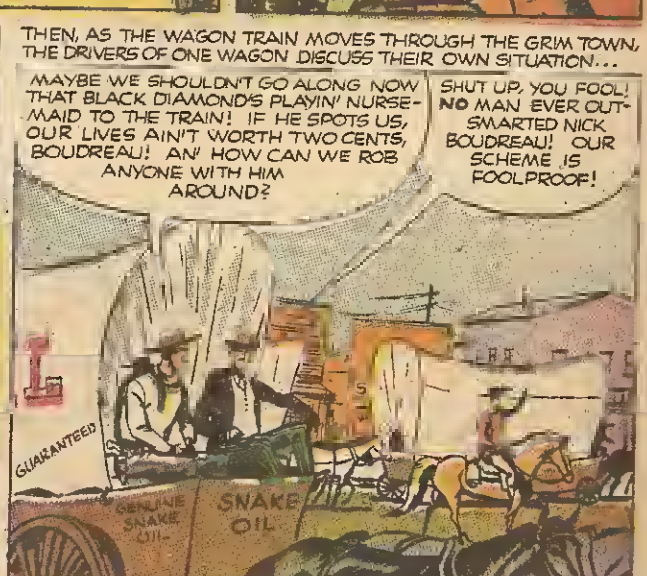
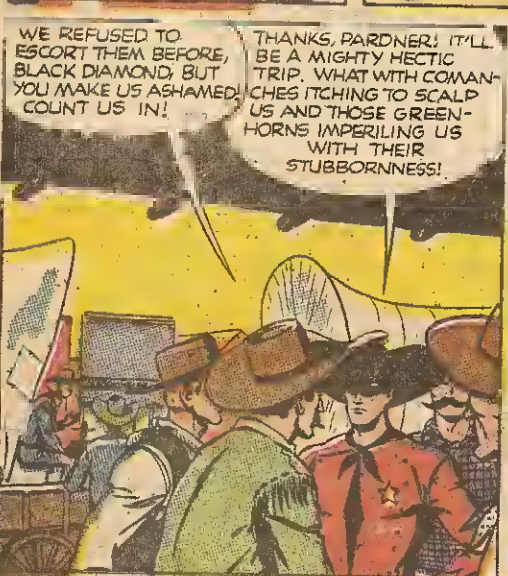
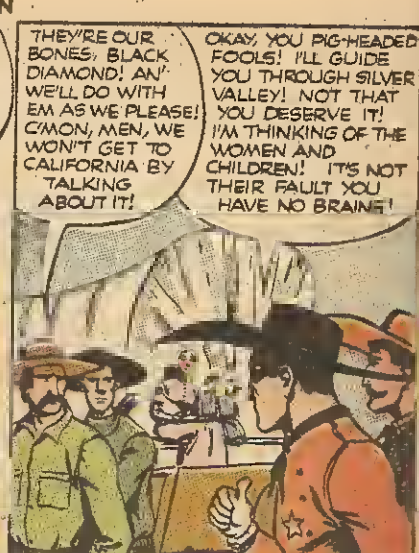
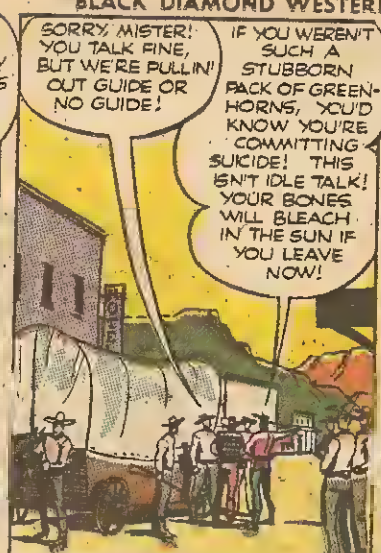
THE ARGUMENT IS OVER! THE BLACK DIAMOND DIES!



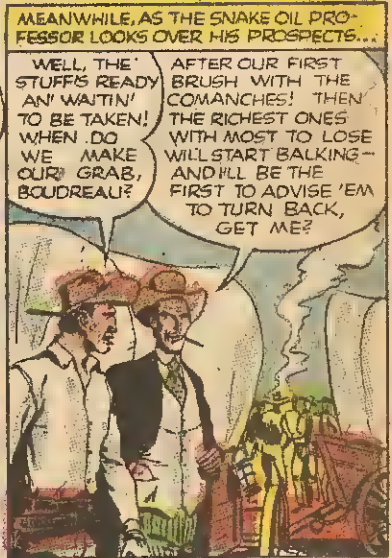
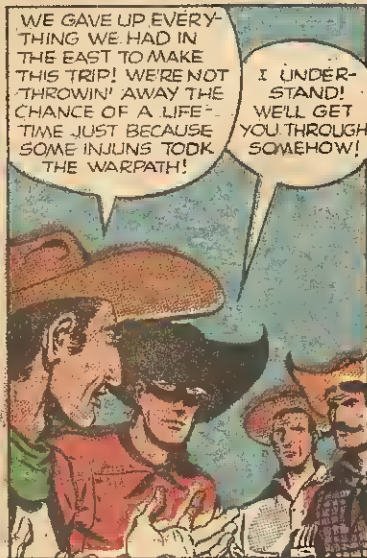
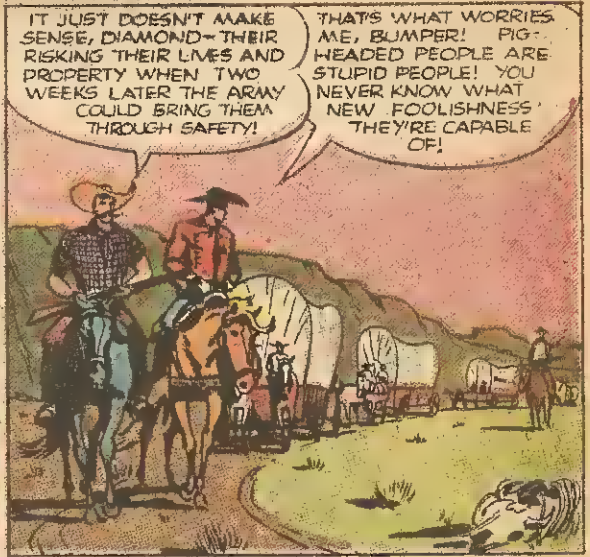
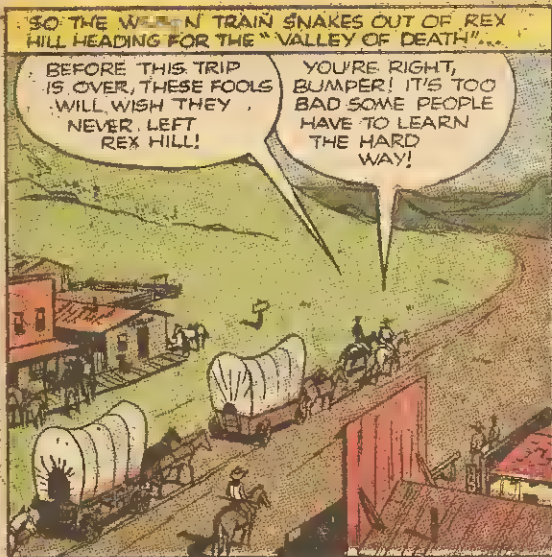




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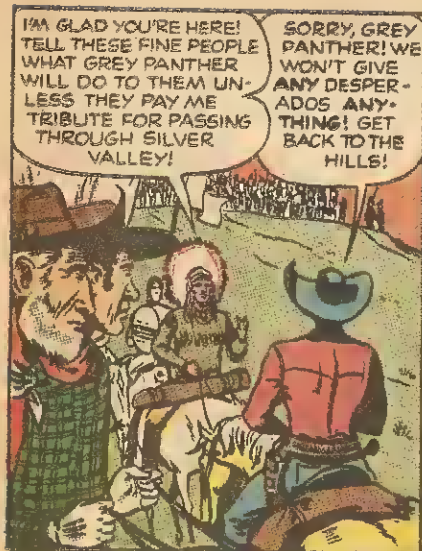








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I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE! TELL THESE FINE PEOPLE WHAT GREY PANTHER WILL DO TO THEM UNLESS THEY PAY ME TRIBUTE FOR PASSING THROUGH SILVER VALLEY!

SORRY, GREY PANTHER! WE WON'T GIVE ANY DESPER-ADOS ANYTHING! GET BACK TO THE HILLS!



PALEFACE MEDDLER! I'LL KILL... BEE!!

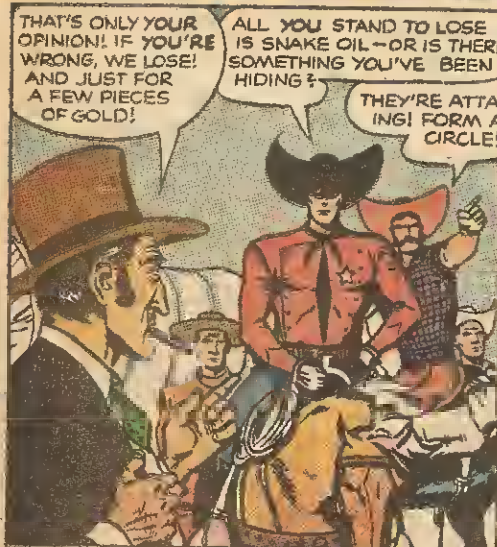
THIS IS YOUR LAST WARNING, GREY PANTHER! YOU CONTINUE TO PREY ON INNOCENT SETTLERS, AND YOU WILL DIE!



FOOLS! BY SUNDOWN THE VULTURES WILL BE FEASTING ON YOU!

WE SHOULD HAVE GIVEN GREY PANTHER HIS PRICE, DIAMOND! BETTER TO GET THROUGH POORER THAN NOT AT ALL!

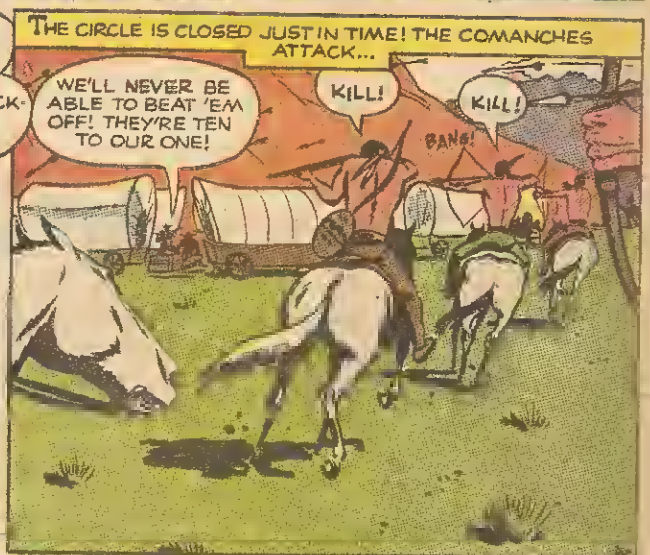
NONSENSE! HE'D HAVE MASSACRED US ANYWAY! GREY PANTHER IS OUT FOR BLOOD AS WELL AS GOLD!



THAT'S ONLY YOUR OPINION! IF YOU'RE WRONG, WE LOSE! AND JUST FOR A FEW PIECES OF GOLD!

ALL YOU STAND TO LOSE IS SNAKE OIL - OR IS THERE SOMETHING YOU'VE BEEN HIDING?

THEY'RE ATTACKING! FORM A CIRCLE!



THE CIRCLE IS CLOSED JUST IN TIME! THE COMANCHES ATTACK...

WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO BEAT 'EM OFF! THEY'RE TEN TO OUR ONE!

KILL!

KILL!

BANG!

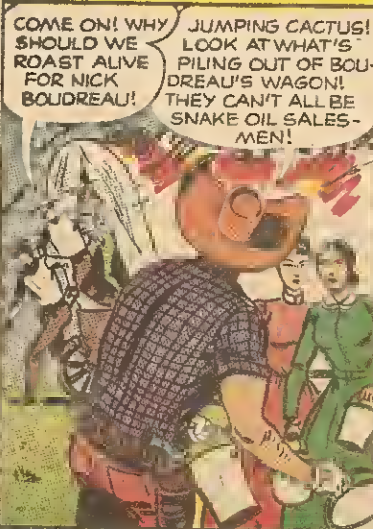
AND AS THE FLAMING ARROWS DO THEIR WORK...



QUICK, BUMPER! GET THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND FORM A FIRE BRIGADE! PUT OUT THE FIRES BEFORE THE HORSES STAMPEDE!

RIGHT, DIAMOND!

BUT AS BUMPER ORGANIZES A FIRE BRACKET BRIGADE...



COME ON! WHY SHOULD WE ROAST ALIVE FOR NICK BOUDREAU!

JUMPING CACTUS! LOOK AT WHAT'S PILING OUT OF BOUDREAU'S WAGON! THEY CAN'T ALL BE SNAKE OIL SALESMEN!

MINUTES LATER, DURING A LULL IN THE FIGHTING...



WE WERE WRONG, BLACK DIAMOND! WE CAN'T LICK THESE INJUNS! IF WE PUSH ON, THEY'LL MASSACRE US! WE'RE TURNING BACK!

NO, IT'S TOO LATE! THE COMANCHES HAVE US SURROUNDED! THEY'LL ATTACK US COMING OR GOING! THE ONLY THING IS TO STICK TOGETHER!



# BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

YOU'RE OUR GUIDE, NOT OUR GENERAL! IT'S OUR LIVES AN' OUR FORTUNES! THOSE WHO WANT TO STAY CAN STAY AN' THOSE WHO WANT TO GO BACK WILL RETURN!

STUBBORN FOOLS!

THAT'S NOT TH' HALF OF IT! THERE ARE SNAKES INSTEAD OF SNAKE OIL IN BOUDREAU'S WAGON, BOB!



AND AS BUMPER TELLS BLACK DIAMOND WHAT AN INDIAN FIRE-ARROW SMOKED OUT...

I NEVER LIKED THE SMELL OF THAT SKUNK AND NOW I KNOW WHY! BOUDREAU'S OUT TO HOLD UP THE WAGON TRAIN!

WE'LL HAVE TO TACKLE HIM LATER! HERE COMES ANOTHER COMANCHE DEATH CHARGE! WE'VE GOT TO BEAT 'EM OFF BLACK DIAMOND-OR WE'LL ALL BE FEEDING WORMS!



AT THE SAME TIME, NEAR THE SNAKE OIL WAGON...

NOW THAT THE CAT'S OUT OF THE BAG, WE'VE GOT TO WORK FAST! SCARE THOSE SETTLERS! THE ONES WITH THE MOST TO LOSE WILL BACK OUT--AND WE'LL GO WITH HIM!

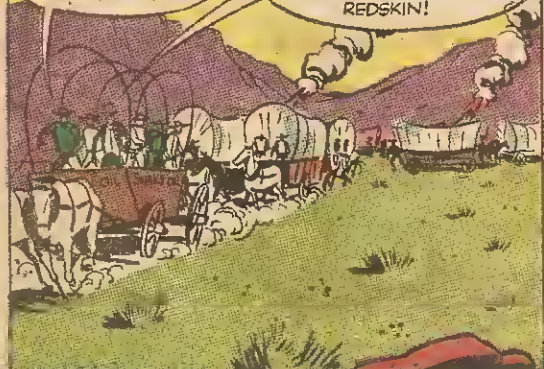
IT'S A CINCH! THEM TENDERFEET ARE SCARED TO DEATH ALL READY! LET'S GOT TO WORK ON THEM!



IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG TO PUT THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON THE ALREADY TERRIFIED SETTLERS! BOUDREAU'S PLAN WAS WORKING LIKE A CHARM...

LOOK, BOUDREAU! THE SETTLERS ARE RUNNING LIKE SCARED MICE! AND THE FOOLS THINK THEY'RE SAVIN' THEIR MONEY AN' THEIR LIVES!

THEY'RE JUST SAVING GREY PANTHER A LOT OF TROUBLE! NOW IT'LL BE A CINCH FOR HIM TO WIPE OUT THE OTHER SETTLERS! IF NECESSARY WE'LL SPLIT WITH THE GREEDY REDSKIN!



BOUDREAU WAS RIGHT! THE WAGON TRAIN HAD SUFFERED A TRAGIC LOSS...

THE STUPID, COWARDLY RATS! THEY'VE DESERTED US! NOW THE COMANCHES CAN KNOCK US OFF ONE AT A TIME!

NOT YET! IF WE CAN GET THESE WAGONS TO HIGHER GROUND WE MIGHT STAND THE INDIANS OFF! C'MON, MEN! DRIVE THOSE HORSES! THIS IS A RACE FOR LIFE!



SHORTLY AFTER IN THE VALLEY BELOW...

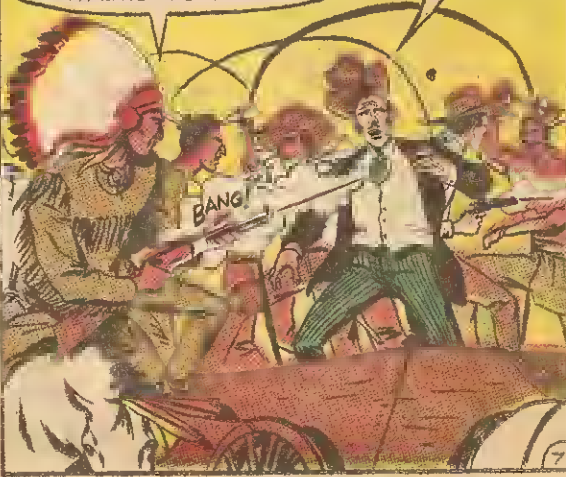
SO! THERE WAS A TRAITOR IN THE WAGON TRAIN! I AM GRATEFUL! SPLITTING TRAIN INTO TWO SMALL PIECES ALLOWS GREY PANTHER TO DEVOUR ONE AT A TIME!

I'VE DONE MORE THAN THAT, CHIEF! THESE WAGONS CONTAIN MOST OF THE VALUABLES IN THE TRAIN! WE'LL SPLIT THE STUFF WITH YOU AND HAND OVER THE SETTLERS AS HOSTAGES IN EXCHANGE FOR OUR OWN FREEDOM!



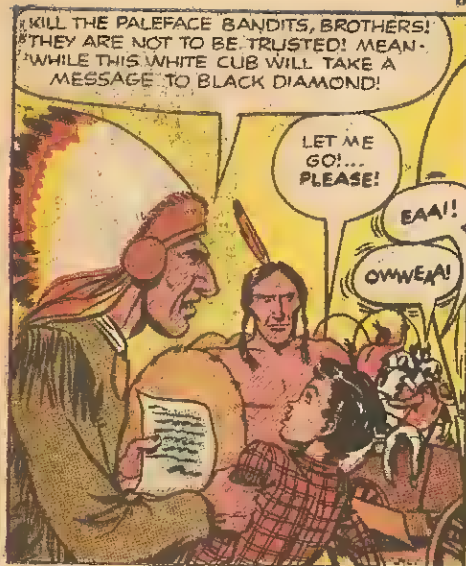
A GENEROUS BARGAIN, MY FRIEND! ONLY I MAKE YOU A COUNTER OFFER! I WILL TAKE EVERYTHING AND GIVE YOU NOTHING! HOW IS THAT FOR SHREWD BUSINESS?

YOU COMANCHE DEVIL! YOU TRIC...!!! EEE!





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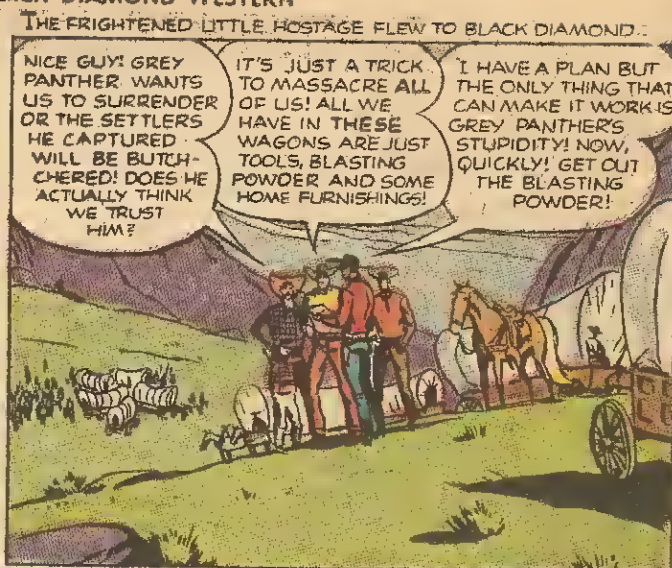


KILL THE PALEFACE BANDITS, BROTHERS! THEY ARE NOT TO BE TRUSTED! MEANWHILE THIS WHITE CUB WILL TAKE A MESSAGE TO BLACK DIAMOND!

LET ME GO!... PLEASE!

EAA!

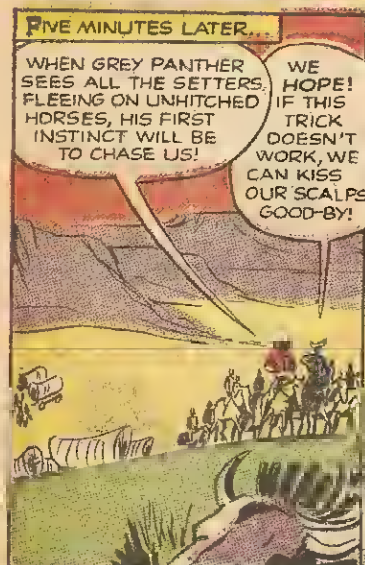
OWNEEA!



NICE GUY! GREY PANTHER WANTS US TO SURRENDER OR THE SETTLERS HE CAPTURED WILL BE BUTCHERED! DOES HE ACTUALLY THINK WE TRUST HIM?

IT'S JUST A TRICK TO MASSACRE ALL OF US! ALL WE HAVE IN THESE WAGONS ARE JUST TOOLS, BLASTING POWDER AND SOME HOME FURNISHINGS!

I HAVE A PLAN BUT THE ONLY THING THAT CAN MAKE IT WORK IS GREY PANTHER'S STUPIDITY! NOW, QUICKLY! GET OUT THE BLASTING POWDER!



FIVE MINUTES LATER...

WHEN GREY PANTHER SEES ALL THE SETTLERS FLEEING ON UNHITCHED HORSES, HIS FIRST INSTINCT WILL BE TO CHASE US!

WE HOPE! IF THIS TRICK DOESN'T WORK, WE CAN KISS OUR SCALPS GOOD-BY!



IT IS WORKING, BLACK DIAMOND! HERE THEY COME—RIGHT INTO THE TRAP!

AFTER THEM! THEY FLEE IN PANIC!



MASSACRE THEM! SILVER VALLEY WILL BECOME THE GRAVEYARD OF SETTLERS!



TURN BACK! WE ARE ATTACKED! THE WAGONS ARE FULL OF EXPLOSIV... IKKKKK!



MINUTES LATER, AS THE FEW COMANCHE SURVIVORS FLEE TO THE HILLS...

THEY'RE GONE NOW! PALEFACE AND RED-SKIN BANDITS ALIKE! THEY'LL BE FEWER WAGONS BUT MORE SETTLERS TO RIDE THEM!


WITH GREY PANTHER DEAD, THE POWER OF THE COMANCHE IN SILVER VALLEY IS BROKEN! THE VALLEY OF DEATH IS A THING OF THE PAST! WAGON-WHEELS WESTWARD WILL NEVER BE STOPPED NOW, BUMPER!

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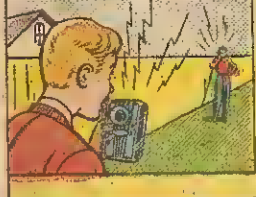


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# The Mysterious Santo



**T**ONY McKAY, fresh from the eastern seaboard, didn't know a ranch from a truck garden, a brood mare from a stallion or an Angus from a Holstein. Undaunted, aside from acute soreness from the long ride, he loped along the rutted road with a feeling of pride. His recent inheritance had put him on top of the world and the proposed acquisition of the Buck Horn ranch would be another feather in his cap. The Buck Horn ranch, Tony had heard from reliable sources, was the best buy in the county. The only reason Condon was selling was that he was old and didn't want the responsibility any longer. Before long, Tony thought, Tony McKay would be the richest man in this section of the west.

Tony had heard that there was one provision, one hitch, to the sale of the ranch; Santo was to remain on the place. Now, Tony had heard about Santo but he never could get any information as to who or what he was. Tony had finally concluded that this was nothing to worry about as Santo was probably a horse, some kind of a pet, a dog, maybe. Of course, Condon would wish any such animal to continue to have a boine.

Tony rode on and on. As the miles fell behind he got stiffer and more uncomfortable. Finally in the dim distance over the range he spotted the ranch buildings.

Reaching his destination, the saddle having rubbed his legs raw, he stumbled off his horse and almost collapsed — his knees wouldn't hold him. Concentrating so hard on trying to get off the horse, then trying to get to the ranch house, Tony had scarcely been able to notice his surroundings. As

Tony fell off his horse, he heard a quiet voice remark, "Ever been on a horse before, Sonny?"

Infuriated, Tony looked up and saw, seated on the steps of the porch, the most disreputable looking character he'd ever seen. He was an old man with a swarthy wrinkled face from which his eyes seemed scarcely able to peer between the wrinkles. His hair was white, or would have been if it had been clean, and it looked as though it hadn't been cut for the past five years. The old gent was dressed in what once must have been buckskin but it was shiny with wear, age and an accumulation of dirt.

Tony gathered himself together, brushed himself off, ignored the remark and stumbled to the front door.

"Bad day. Storm's brewin'," quietly said the old man.

Again Tony ignored him, but curiosity led him to gaze at the cloudless blue sky and wonder why he would say such a thing. Then Tony finally spoke to the old man. "Is Mr. Condon here?"

"At the corral," indicated the old man.

Tony went around the house and back to the corral where he found Mr. Condon sitting on the rail. "Good morning, sir," greeted Tony.

"Well, Mr. McKay. You're here in good time to have a ride around the ranch before dinner," answered Mr. Condon cheerily.

Tony groaned at the prospect of mounting a horse again, "Er - ah - yes, sir. I guess you're right."

"Better saddle up a couple of my horses, yours must be tired after the trip out,"



cheerfully continued Mr. Condon while Tony wished he'd think less of the poor horses and more about poor Tony.

Tony somehow successfully mounted his horse and managed to stay astride as the two rode over parts of the vast area of the ranch. Mr. Condon talked continuously of the merits of the place and Tony could see that he was getting a good buy. "Best wheat land this side of the mountains," Mr. Condon said. "Get two crops a year. Mighty good grazing over here — fattest herd in the county."

Storm clouds began to gather as they rode back to the ranch house. Tony was now convinced that this was the place for him and he was anxious to close the deal. "Tell me, Mr. Condon, what is this provision about Santo?" he queried.

"I just want to be sure Santo has a home for the rest of his life," answered Mr. Condon casually.

"But, who is Santo?" asked Tony.

"Oh, I thought you knew," said Mr. Condon. "You must have met Santo!"

"Don't know that I have," answered Tony.

"Well, if you haven't, you must," continued Mr. Condon. "He's the old man . . ."

"WHAT?" interrupted Tony. "You mean that old man out in front?"

"Yes," answered Mr. Condon in surprise.

The conversation was interrupted by a sudden cloudburst. Rain fell in sheets and the two galloped back to the ranch. Soaked to the skin, they entered the house for dinner.

All the hands were present for the mid-day dinner, including Santo, unwashed and silent. Tony watched in disgust as Santo ate his dinner with relish and without much assistance from knife and fork. As Tony watched he thought he would not have such a person on the ranch. Even if the provision was in the sale, he just would not have it. Santo apparently did nothing but slouch on the porch, come in for meals and make a pig of himself. Then he would make himself perfectly at home, as he was doing now, shoes off, warming his feet in front of the fire. He didn't speak except on occasion when he muttered something which, Tony noticed, Condon seemed never to miss. Tony made little sense out of his monosyllabic mutterings; "Hole in the fence." then, "River's runnin' high."

Tony controlled himself in front of Condon figuring it was better to say no more about Santo until the deal was closed. Tony knew that after the ranch was his he could do very much as he pleased.

The storm over, Tony started the ride back to town. As he rode along the vast stretches of the Buck Horn ranch he looked

at it with pride. He waved cheerfully at one of the ranch hands who was putting a new post in the fence, the other had apparently been struck by lightning. Fording the river was the only hazardous event on his trip to town. The muddy little creek had risen to monstrous proportions.

As owner of the Buck Horn ranch Tony's first project, if he must keep Santo, was to try to clean him up. The only response he got was slight muttering from Santo, "Been there so long, might get cold. Be lost without it."

Infuriated at this insubordination Tony was determined to put Santo to work. "I'm too old to work," Santo said with finality as he returned to the porch. He still continued to eat a lion's share of food and kept on muttering incoherently. Tony never listened consciously to Santo but heard vague mention of the weather, the cattle, the crops and the land. Chalking it up to the meandering mind of an old man, Tony continued his ranching career.

One day one of the hands spoke confidentially to Tony and said, "Mr. McKay, Santo knows everything, somehow. Maybe you oughtta listen to him. Mr. Condon always did."

Tony laughed it off but then, strangely, that night he remembered his first day at the ranch. Santo had said, "storm's brewin'" and it had poured! And he'd mentioned something about a hole in the fence. Tony remembered seeing the rancher mending the fence. Later he'd said something about the river running high and Tony remembered the difficulty he'd had fording the river.

The next day, much against his will, Tony paid heed to Santo's mutterings. "Blight in the far field," muttered Santo as he removed his shoes. Wanting to discount this information, Tony rode to the far field. The blight had started! Calling it to the attention of the hands, it was stopped before it ravaged the crop.

Tony began to look at Santo with a different point of view. Still not willing to give in, Tony, quietly and under cover, followed Santo's indications. Santo proved 100% right! Santo seemed to know instinctively the condition of the cattle, the range, the fields, the fences, the weather.

Finally conceding the point and with a quick about-face, Tony grasped Santo by the hand and said, "I guess I'm just a greenhorn, Santo, and it takes a long time to learn."

"Knew you'd come around, Sonny," muttered Santo.

THE END



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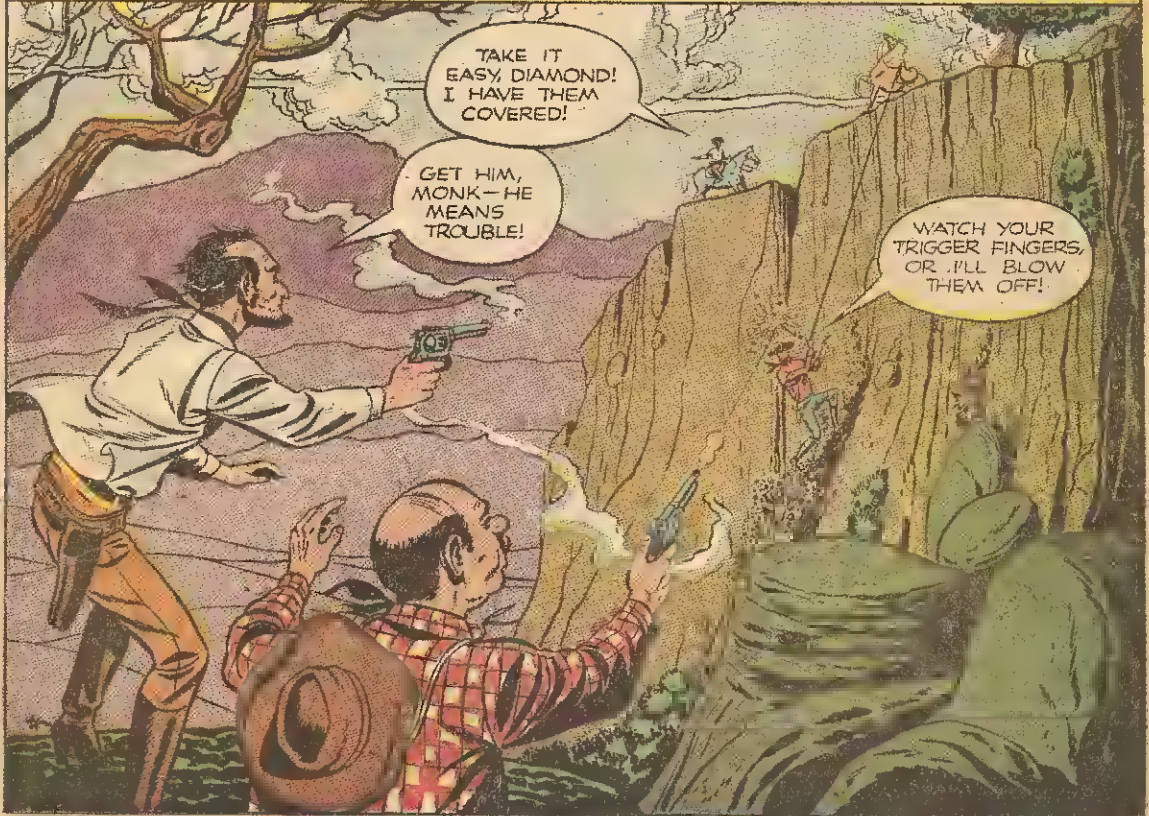


BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

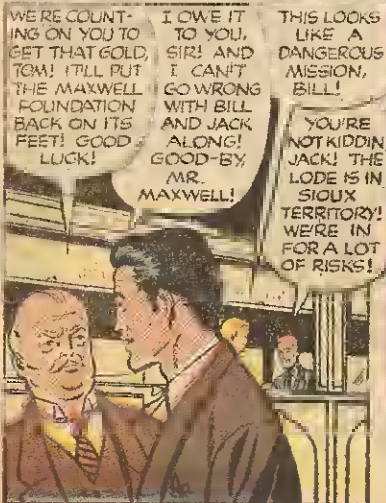
# BLACK DIAMOND

in "THE SAVAGE  
SIOUX MULE  
TRAIN AMBUSH"

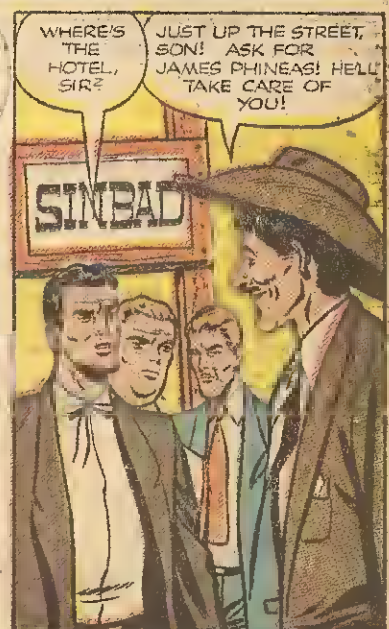
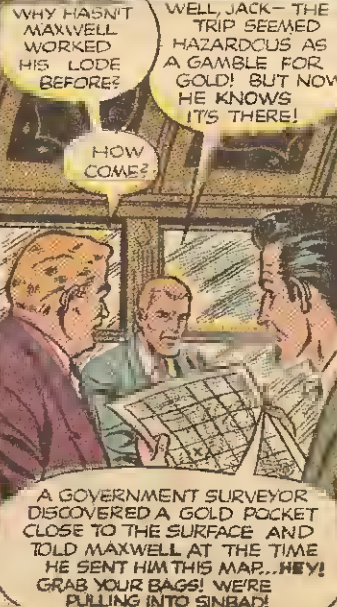
THE TRAIL FROM SINBAD TO THE MAXWELL CLAIM WAS TREACHEROUS! HIGH CLIFFS, ROCKY LEDGES AND MOUNTAIN STREAMS SWOLLEN BY SLEETING SNOWS MADE THE TRIP HAZARDOUS! TOM MORGAN'S MEN, DRIVING A MULE TRAIN LOADED WITH GOLD, UNDERTOOK THE TRIP NOT KNOWING WHAT UNTOLD, UNFORESEEN AND UNSUSPECTED DANGER AWAITED...



ORPHANED AS A BOY, AND GRATEFUL TO RONALD MAXWELL, HIS BENEFACTOR, TOM MORGAN WITH HIS PAIS, JACK WARREN AND BILL BARBER GO WEST TO ATTEMPT TO HALL OUT THE GOLD FROM THE MAXWELL LODGE...



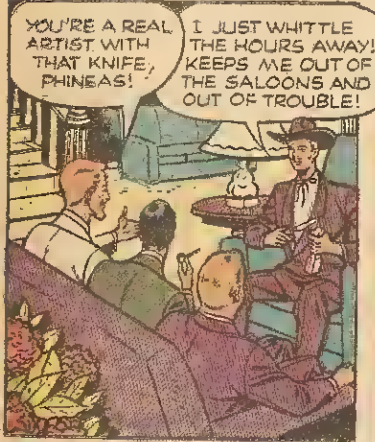
LATER...





# BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

JAMES PHINEAS, THE OWNER OF SINBAD HOTEL, WAS MORE THAN HELPFUL! HE LODGED THE STRANGERS, ADVISED THEM AND HELPED THEM TO ROUND UP MULES, SUPPLIES AND EXTRA MEN!



THE NEXT MORNING...

WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH, PHINEAS, THANKS TO YOUR HELP... WE'LL BE SHOVING OFF RIGHT AWAY! I GUESS WE'LL BE GONE A FEW MONTHS!

I HOPE FIFTEEN MULES AND MY THREE MEN WILL DO THE TRICK! ACE CONNOR AND ROCKY ARE GOOD DRIVERS! GOOD LUCK!



THE NAZAROOUS TRIP TO THE MAXWELL CLAIM WAS MADE IN A WEEK! THE SURVEYOR'S MAP PROVED ACCURATE!

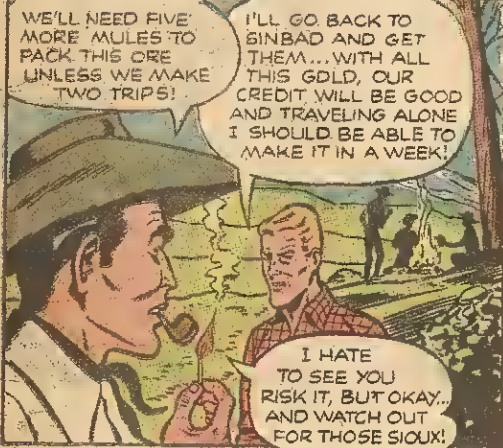
THIS IS THE PLACE! LET'S HOPE THE GOLD IS HERE...

... AND IF IT'S NEAR THE SURFACE, LIKE THE SURVEYOR SAID, IT SHOULD BE EASY TO FIND! WE'LL GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP AND START LOOKING FIRST THING IN THE MORNING!

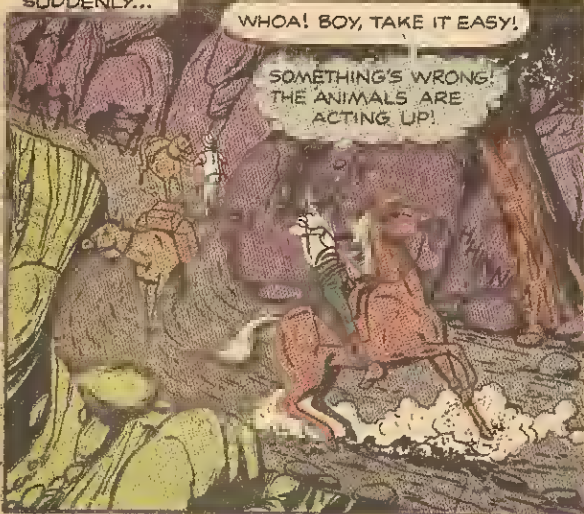


THEY FOUND THE LODGE, WHICH CONTAINED MORE THAN THEY ANTICIPATED! AND THREE MONTHS LATER, TOM AND HIS FRIENDS HAD DEVELOPED AND WORKED IT, AND WERE READY TO HAUL IT OUT!

JACK WAS RIGHT! HE WAS BACK IN A WEEK WITH THE MULES AND TWO EXTRA DRIVERS, SLIM AND MONK!

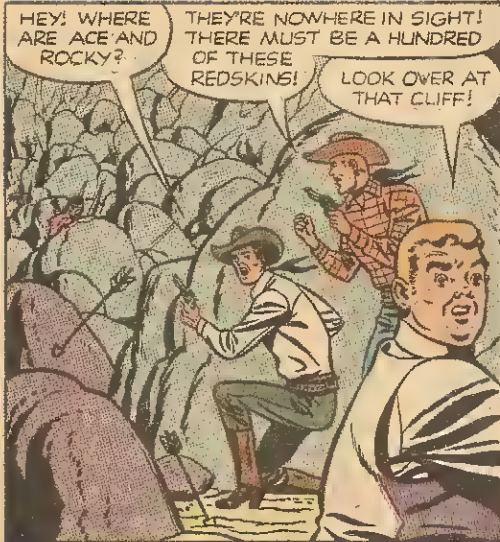


WITH THE MULES LOADED TO CAPACITY WITH GOLD ORE, THE PARTY STARTED ON THE LONG TRAIL TO SINBAD! SUDDENLY...





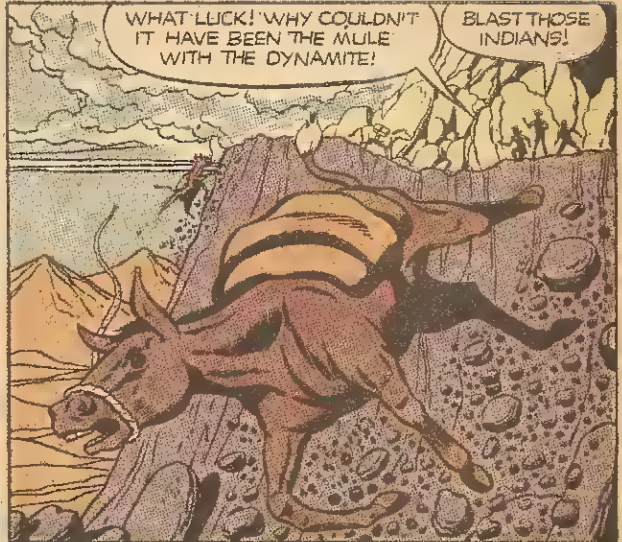
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HEY! WHERE ARE ACE AND ROCKY?

THEY'RE NOWHERE IN SIGHT! THERE MUST BE A HUNDRED OF THESE REDSKINS!

LOOK OVER AT THAT CLIFF!



WHAT LUCK! WHY COULDN'T IT HAVE BEEN THE MULE WITH THE DYNAMITE!

BLAST THOSE INDIANS!



TOM! WATCH OUT!

WHERE DID THOSE CONFOUNDED SKINNERS DISAPPEAR TO?

I'VE GOT THIS ONE! WATCH OUT BEHIND YOU, BILL!



UGH!

YOU GOT THE CHIEF, TOM! THE REST SCOOTED LIKE RABBITS WHEN THAT HAPPENED!

ONE OF 'EM GOT BILL! HE'S IN BAD SHAPE, JACK! WE'LL HAVE TO RIG UP A STRETCHER!

HEY, TOM! MONK AND SLIM ARE DOWN THERE! THEY FELL WHERE THE MULES DID BUT LANDED ON A LEDGE! THEY LOOK DEAD!

ROCKY AND CONNOR—CHECK ON MONK AND SLIM! GO DOWN BY ROPE IF NECESSARY! IF THEY'RE ALIVE WE'LL HAVE TO GET THEM OUT! IF THE MULES ARE IN PAIN SHOOT THEM!

BEFORE BILL CAN TURN AROUND HE IS TOMAHAWKED FROM BEHIND BY THE OTHER REDSKIN AS TOM SUBDUES THE CHIEF!





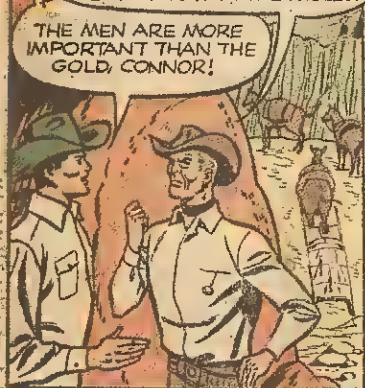
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SHORTLY...

"I HATE TO LEAVE MONK AND SLIM BEHIND CONNOR! DID YOU CHECK EVERY POSSIBILITY THAT THEY MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE?"

"I SURE DID, BOSS! THEY WERE GONERS THE MINUTE THEY HIT THE ROCK! THAT'S A MIGHTY RICH LOAD OF GOLD THAT FELL OVER WITH THE MULES!"

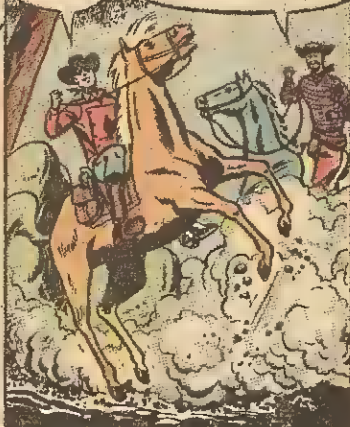
"THE MEN ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE GOLD, CONNOR!"



MEANWHILE, BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER ARE NEARBY CHECKING OUTLYING GOLD CLAIMS!

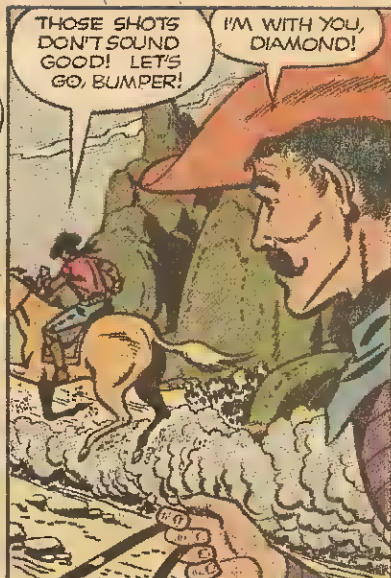
STEADY, BOY! WHAT'S UP?"

"SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG, OR RELIAPON WOULDN'T ACT LIKE THAT!"



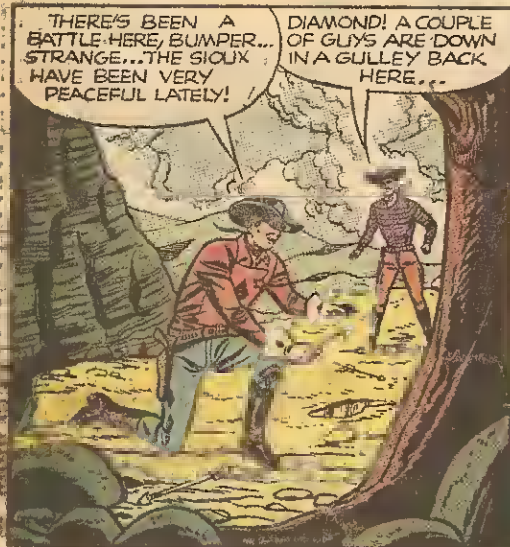
THOSE SHOTS DON'T SOUND GOOD! LET'S GO, BUMPER!

"I'M WITH YOU, DIAMOND!"



"THERE'S BEEN A BATTLE HERE, BUMPER... STRANGE... THE SIOUX HAVE BEEN VERY PEACEFUL LATELY!"

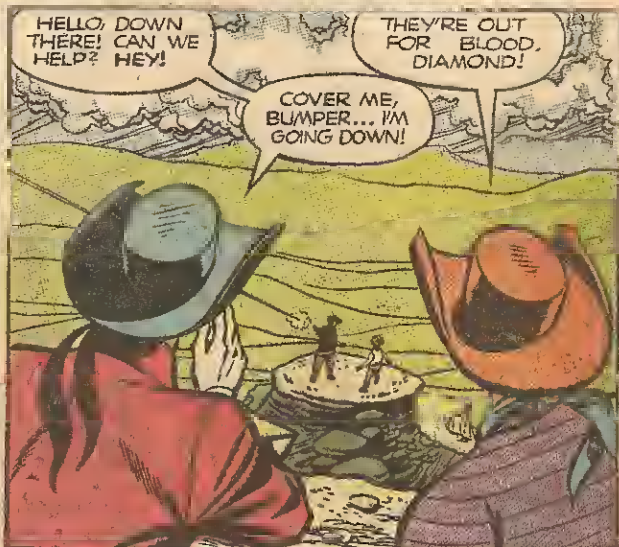
"DIAMOND! A COUPLE OF GUYS ARE DOWN IN A GULLEY BACK HERE..."



"HELLO, DOWN THERE! CAN WE HELP? HEY!"

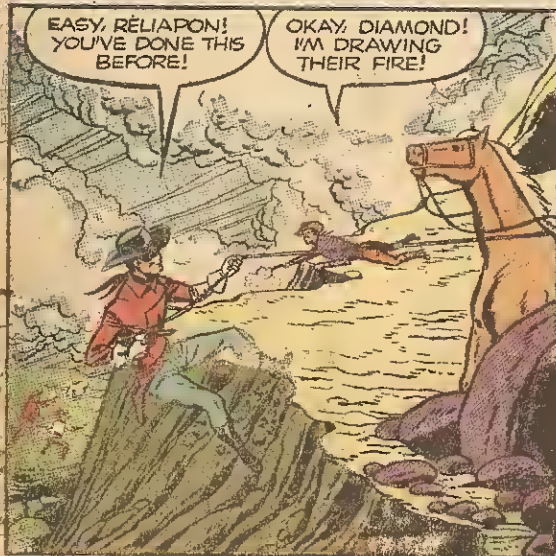
"THEY'RE OUT FOR BLOOD, DIAMOND!"

"COVER ME, BUMPER... I'M GOING DOWN!"



"EASY, RELIAPON! YOU'VE DONE THIS BEFORE!"

"OKAY, DIAMOND! I'M DRAWING THEIR FIRE!"



"OKAY, RELIAPON! HEAVE HO!"

"GOOD WORK! I'LL SEND ANOTHER ROPE DOWN FOR THE OTHER ONE!"



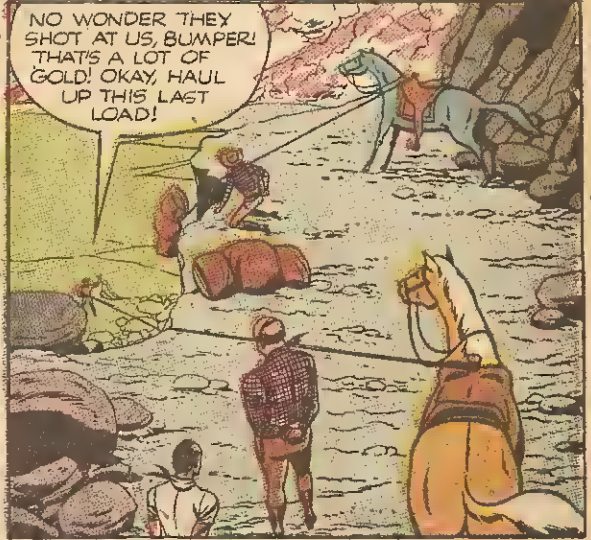


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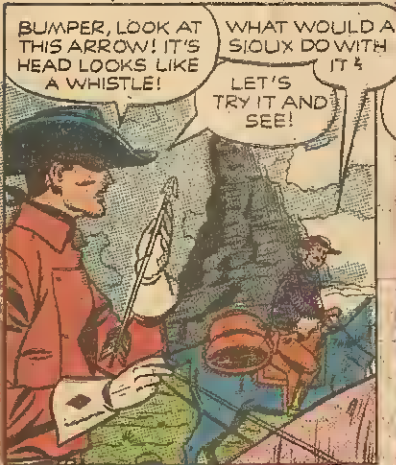
SEND THAT LINE DOWN WHEN IT'S FREE, BUMPER! LET'S SEE WHAT KIND OF A LOAD THOSE DEAD MULES WERE CARRYING! I'LL START DOWN!

BLACK DIAMOND SOON FOUND OUT WHAT THE MULE-PACK CONTAINED...



NO WONDER THEY SHOT AT US, BUMPER! THAT'S A LOT OF GOLD! OKAY, HAUL UP THIS LAST LOAD!

LEADING THEIR BOUND PRISONERS WHO FOLLOW ON FOOT BEHIND THEM, DIAMOND AND BUMPER CONTINUE ALONG THE SAME TRAIL...



BUMPER, LOOK AT THIS ARROW! IT'S HEAD LOOKS LIKE A WHISTLE!

WHAT WOULD A SIOUX DO WITH IT? LET'S TRY IT AND SEE!

HEY! WHAT THE DEVIL...



RELIAPON MUST HEAR THE WHISTLE... BUT I CAN'T!

MEANWHILE, TOM MORGAN AND HIS MULE TEAM TRAIN ARE FACING ANOTHER OBSTACLE ON THE TRAIL TO SINBAD... A TORRENTIAL STREAM SWOLLEN BY THE MELTED SNOW OF A LONG WINTER...



YELL WHEN YOU'VE SECURED YOUR END OF THE ROPE TO THE TREE ON THE OTHER SIDE, TOM. THEN I'LL HITCH ALL THE MULES UP ON THIS SIDE!



COME ON, BOY--IT'S ALL UP TO YOU NOW! JUST A FEW MORE YARDS!



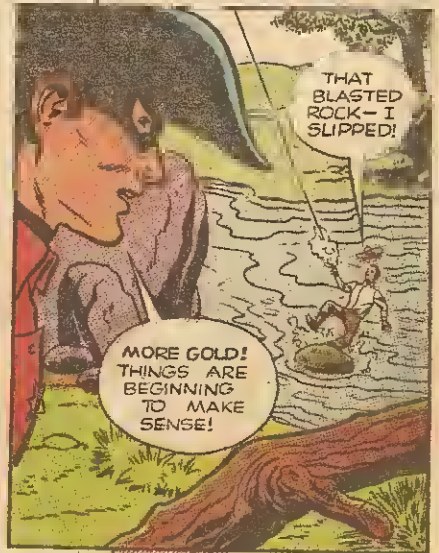
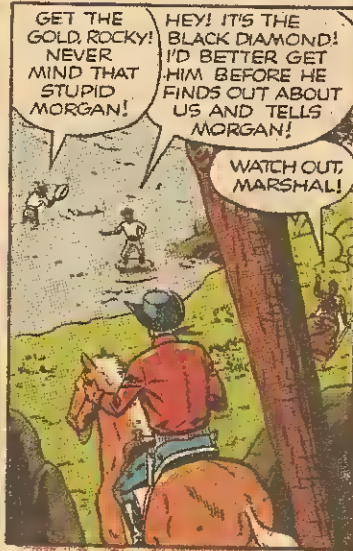
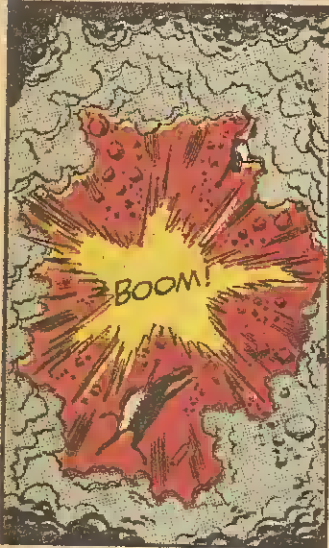
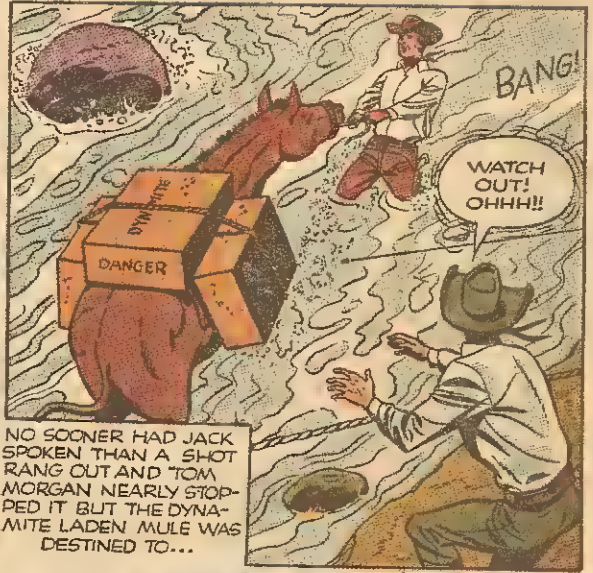
I MADE IT, JACK! GET THE MULES GOING!

THE LEAD MULE'S IN THE WATER NOW!

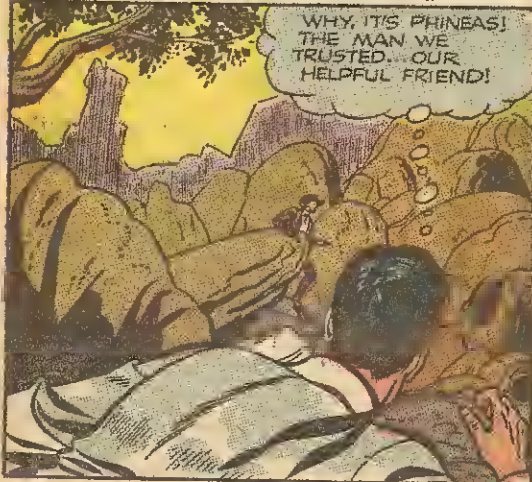


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BUT ON THE OPPOSITE RIVER BANK, TOM'S FRIENDS ARE HAVING THEIR DOUBTS...



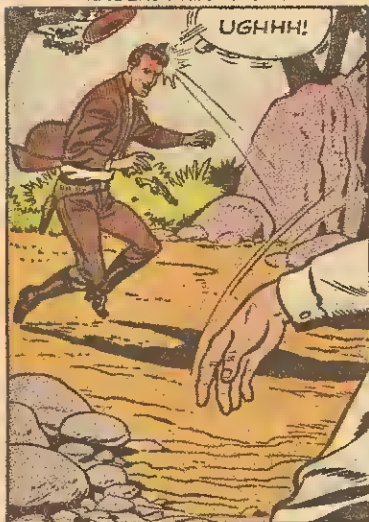
MEANWHILE, TOM MORGAN, WHO NARROWLY ESCAPED DEATH BY THROWING HIMSELF FLAT ON THE GROUND, HAS COME TO SOON ENOUGH TO SEE WHAT WAS AT THE BOTTOM OF ALL THE TREACHERY...





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TOW'S WELL PLACED GOLD NUGGET  
KNOCKS PHINEAS OUT!

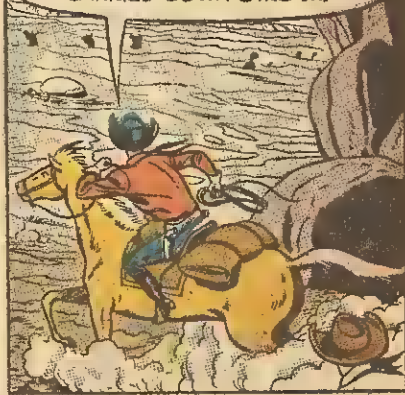


THAT OUGHT TO HOLD YOU  
FOR NOW, YOU SKUNK!



MEANWHILE, BLACK DIAMOND, ON THE  
OPPOSITE SHORE, WAS TAKING MATTERS  
INTO HIS OWN HANDS...

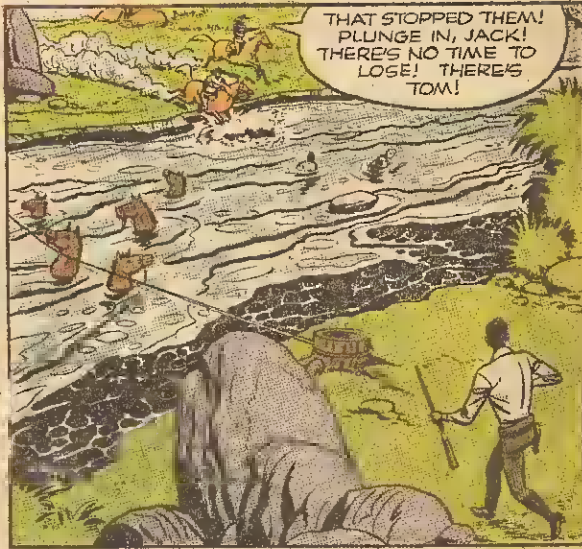
IT'S A GOOD THING THOSE TWO BIRDS  
IN THE STREAM ARE SO BUSY SAVING  
THEIR OWN LIVES, THEY CAN'T GO  
AFTER US! C'MON, JACK, WE'VE GOT  
TO STOP THOSE MULES FROM BEING  
CARRIED DOWN STREAM!



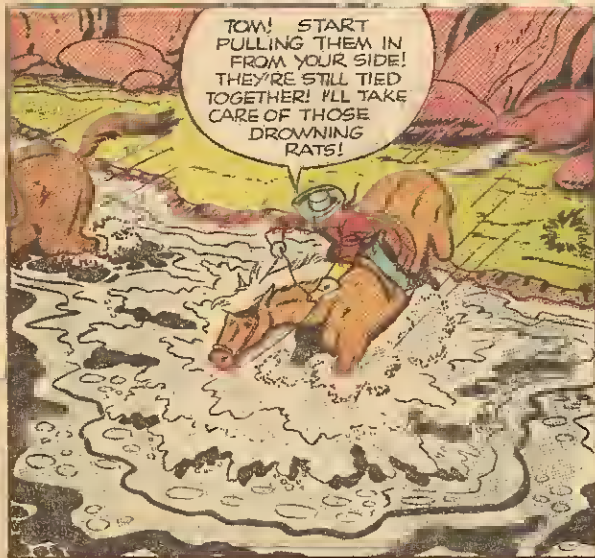
GOOD THROW!  
THE ROPE'S GOING  
RIGHT AROUND THE  
TREE STUMP!



THAT STOPPED THEM!  
PLUNGE IN, JACK!  
THERE'S NO TIME TO  
LOSE! THERE'S  
TOW!



TOW! START  
PULLING THEM IN  
FROM YOUR SIDE!  
THEY'RE STILL TIED  
TOGETHER! I'LL TAKE  
CARE OF THOSE  
DROWNING  
RATS!



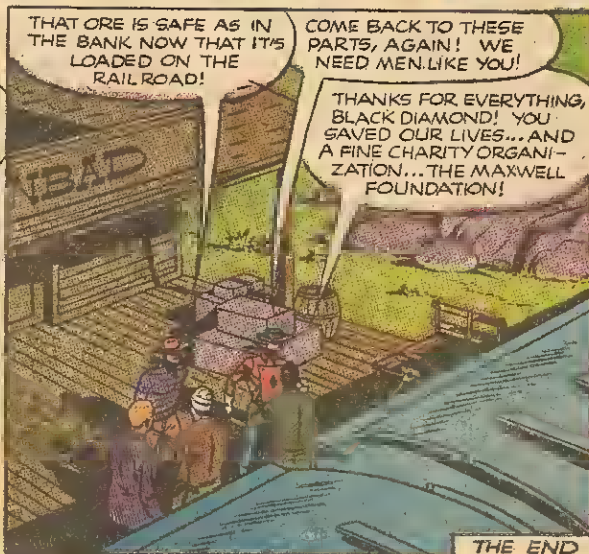
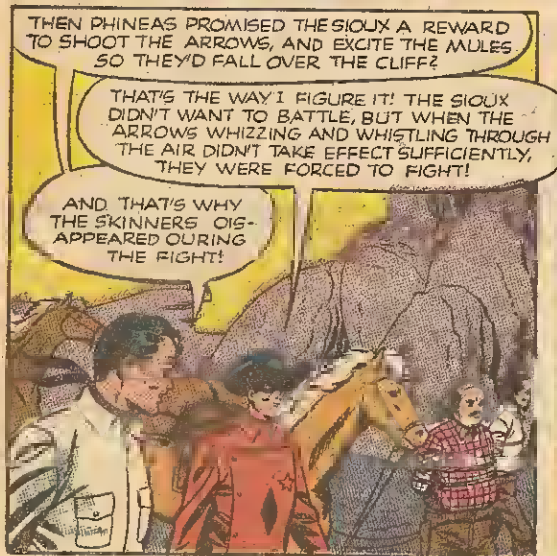
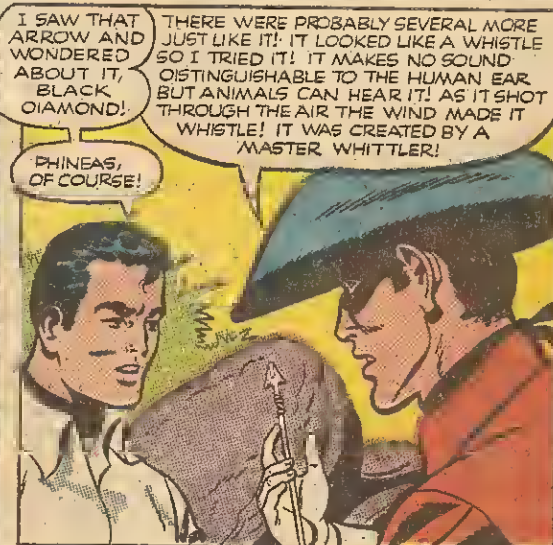
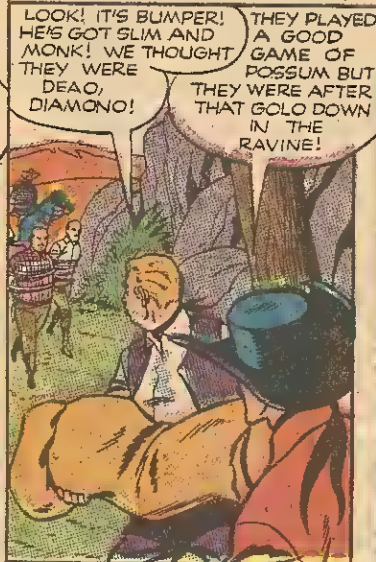
GASP! THE  
LAST ONE...  
I'D LIKE TO  
SEE PHINEAS  
HANGED!





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AFTERWARDS, WHEN ALL THE REMAINING MULES HAD BEEN SAVED...

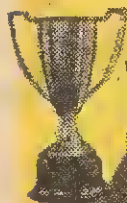


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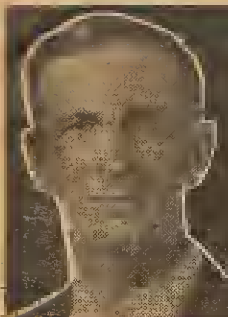
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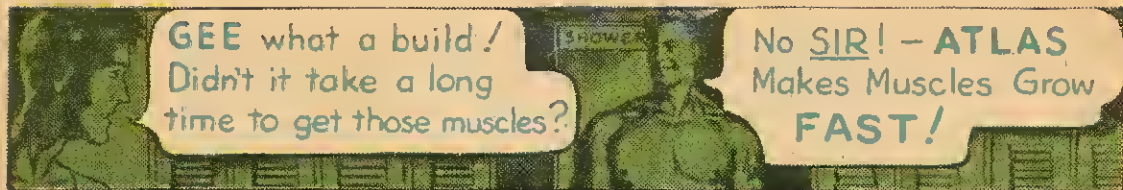
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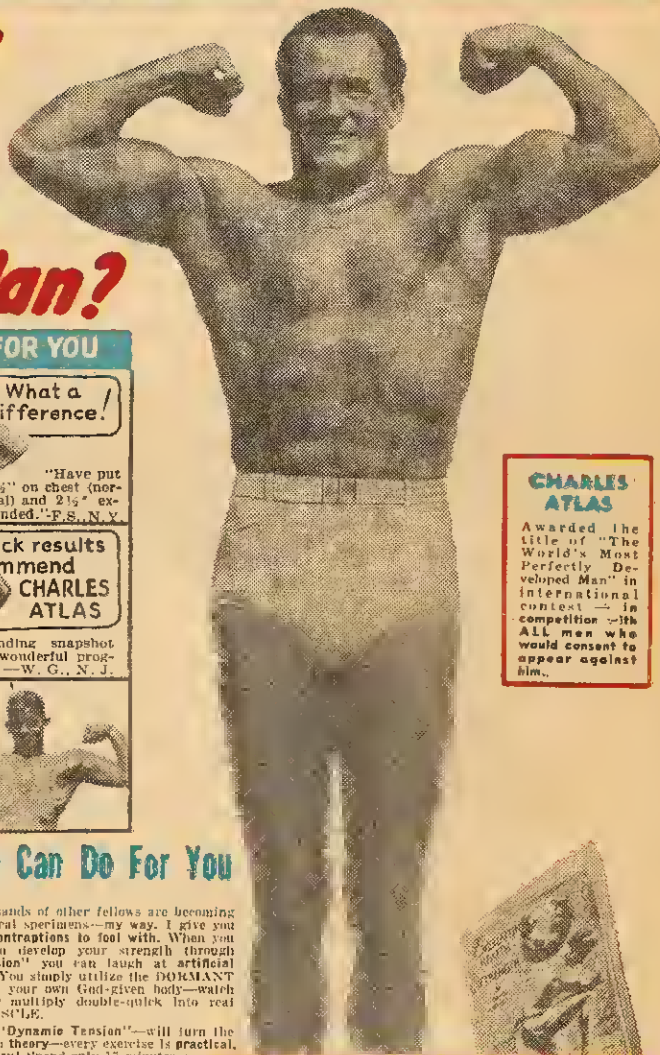
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